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# Mayor hopeful that open top bus CAN return to town next summer

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SEATON mayor Jack Rowland is optimistic that the Jurassic Mule bus can return to the town in a way that suits all parties.

The mayor has had a series of meetings with Jurassic Mule owner Derek Gawn, and has also met with Haven Court management and residents.

Mr Gawn controversially withdrew the seasonal open top bus service early this summer because of alleged hostility towards staff by a small number of people in Seaton and Colyton.

At one stage, Mr Gawn said he had no intention of returning next year.

Seaton Town Council, led by mayor Jack Rowland, has tried to find a solution because it "recognises the importance of increasing the amount of visitors to the town and believes that the Jurassic Mule plays a key role in this".

Councillor Rowland said: "I am pleased with the way that these meetings have gone and am optimistic that the Jurassic Mule service will continue in 2018.

"The council is lobbying East Devon District Council and Devon County Council to get the improved road layout in the Underfleet so that buses have a place to pull in off the road to prevent traffic congestion.

"We have also signposted Mr Gawn to sources of funding so that he can update his vehicles."

Mr Gawn said: "I am currently working on the possibility of providing some form of Jurassic Mule service for 2018 and am working with both Lyme Regis and Seaton Town councils.

"I am also investigating updating my vehicles so that the emissions are reduced. In order to do this I am seeking funding.

"In the meantime, I would like to thank all our friends in the town for their overwhelming support through this difficult period."

He did, however, stress the need to find a local operations manager for the service to be able to continue, because of his own retirement from the day-to-day running of the business.

As well as meeting with Mr Gawn, Councillor Rowland has also met with Ian Beaven and Pat Lowther from Haven Court (which neighbours the stop in Seaton).

Mr Beaven, Haven Court manager, said: "We feel that the residents of Haven Court have been unfairly maligned in the press when we are fully supportive of tourism and the Jurassic Mule.

"No one here wants to see the Jurassic Mule cease trading, our residents just have concerns over the emissions from buses generally.

"It is good news that Mr Gawn is planning to update his vehicles and we look forward to seeing the Jurassic Mule continue in the future."

Pat Lowther, a resident at Haven Court who has previously voiced concerns over the Jurassic Mule, said: "I have used the Jurassic Mule myself and really enjoyed the experience.

"I think it's a great way of bringing tourists into the town and I'm fully supportive of the service continuing and I am glad that Mr Gawn is looking to purchase some more emission friendly vehicles."

The town council statement concluded: "The discussions between the town council and Mr Gawn will continue and further updates will be provided as and when appropriate."

## League of Friends opens its second shop in Fore Street

SEATON and District Hospital League of Friends opened its second shop in the town last Thursday, also in Fore Street. The new shop is in recently refurbished premises that previously played home to Temptations cafe. The other shop, just up the road, will continue to trade. To mark the opening, Seaton Friends Hospiscare@Home nurse Mary Ashby cut a ribbon, assisted by fellow nurse Helen Smart, LoF treasurer Shirley Robinson, LoF chairman Dr Mark Welland, shop manager Louisa Clarke and LoF manager Lycia Moore. *Full story next week*

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# Local police and fire services help with British Virgin Islands hurricane recovery

Steve Smith of SAFE (Safety Advice Funding and Education) South West, a newly established charity working in partnership with the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service to promote and provide services relating to community safety to local communities and groups, pictured with the aid consignment destined for the British Virgin Islands

The damage to the British Virgin Islands Fire Headquarters

FIREFIGHTING equipment, clothes and toys collected for the hurricane-stricken British Virgin Islands will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Staff from Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service and Devon & Cornwall Police – with the help of charity SAFE South West – have collected enough donations to fill a 40-foot container, which was despatched by ship on November 23rd.

When Hurricane Irma made landfall in September, it caused massive damage to the island's infrastructure and all six fire and rescue service fire stations were damaged.

The roof was blown off the fire headquarters by the 200mph-plus winds and most of the firefighting equipment was destroyed.

The homes and possessions of firefighters were destroyed or lost, with their families living in fire service premises when they are on duty.

An initial aid package was sent several weeks ago and that has been followed by an even larger consignment of much-needed equipment with the help of fire and rescue services from across the country and other organisations.

Steve Smith, of SAFE South West, who co-ordinated the charity collection, said: "It has been a huge effort from everyone and a really good collaboration with the police and fire services.

"We had a message from the Chief Fire Officer of the British Virgin Islands after the first container arrived as it showed how much our help has meant to him and his staff."

The container includes nearly three pallets of toys, mass decontamination structures, light portable pumps and other firefighting equipment and clothing. It is due to arrive on the island on December 17th.

Zebalon McLean, Chief Fire Officer of the British Virgin Islands, said: "Thanks to the generosity of fire and rescue services and suppliers, we are receiving a much-needed buoyance of our spirits.

"Ours is a noble profession that is often not given the appreciation and support needed, but we have to press on, for we are bound by our duty, our love for our people, and our commitment to and care of our visitors."

Organisations that have contributed equipment include: Bedfordshire FRS, Bristol Uniforms, Cornwall FRS, Devon & Somerset FRS, Essex County FRS, Gloucestershire FRS, Kent FRS, Oxfordshire FRS, Leicestershire FRS, Hampshire FRS, Adastral Park Emergency Services, Bristol Uniforms Ltd, FireBlitz Extinguisher Ltd, EFA (Trading) Ltd, Kier Group plc, SAFE South West and Operation Florian.

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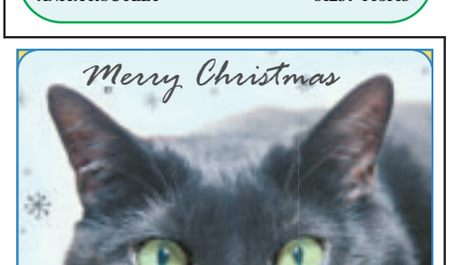


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# Ambulance service chief executive under pressure after calls for his resignation

SOUTH Western Ambulance Service's (SWASFT) chief executive, Ken Wenman, is urging the GMB union to talk to the trust following an open letter from staff calling for his resignation.

In the letter, staff who are members of GMB apologise to families, friends and the community for not getting to patients on time due to an over-stretched service, feeling unsupported by SWASFT and ultimately calling on Mr Wenman to quit.

The group say they are "struggling to maintain a crumbling service deliberately being underfunded by the government and made worse when those over pressured resources and stressed staff are then badly managed".

GMB, which is supporting the staff, say that the trust is failing to address major issues and the toll from not doing so is having an enormous effect upon increasing numbers of staff.

Gary Palmer, GMB regional NHS campaign organiser, said: "Although we are unfortunately regularly being contacted by members and concerned staff over any number of growing issues at SWAST, we felt this recent letter on behalf of a group of GMB members particularly summoned up the general despair and frustration many staff currently feel from working within a service and role they love.

"The trust are failing to address major issues and the toll from not doing so is having an enormous effect upon increasing numbers of staff, as they consider whether they wish to remain within this particular ambulance service or not.

"GMB and its members being ignored by the chief executive and the trust is one thing, but their failing to be able to recognise the numerous issues and the effect they have upon many front line ambulance professionals within its own organisation and the patients they ultimately serve, means that Mr Wenman has clearly not only lost touch or interest with his employees and the service, but has now also lost their respect as well.

"It is time for the chief executive to stand down and for any replacement to be clear on wanting to do more to protect and support the trust's most valuable resource; its own staff."

However, Mr Wenman said that they recognise the pressures and are working to improve these.

He said: "Our staff are the most valuable asset. We simply cannot provide the critical care to our patients without them.

"We absolutely recognise the pressure that they are under and we are working hard with them and with Unison, the recognised union, to improve resource levels, to improve our response to patients and to improve the health and wellbeing of our staff."

Mr Wenman added: "We are proud of the way that we work closely with all union representatives on behalf of our staff, including GMB, and so it is disappointing that these comments have gone to the media, rather than to us here at the trust, especially given the meetings that we have recently hosted with GMB representatives where such concerns could have been raised.

"We would urge the GMB to re-engage and talk to us directly."

Tony Fox, chairman of SWASFT, said there was always more to be done.

He said: "Along with the rest of the NHS, ambulance services across the country are experiencing significant pressure.

"So it was particularly pleasing that in the last national staff survey, SWASFT had the best results across all ambulance trusts in the country for their engagement with staff, for the health and wellbeing of staff and for the resources available.

"We accept that there is always more to be done and we will continue to work closely with our colleagues and listen and respond to their needs.

Tony added: "I would like to say thank you to all our people for the excellent job they do in difficult circumstances.

"I would also encourage everyone to take part in the latest staff survey as we really do want to hear from you so that we can act on your feedback."

## Woman detained at Axminster train station

A WOMAN was detained under the Mental Health Act by British Transport Police (BTP) at Axminster Railway Station on Thursday, November 23rd.

A BTP spokesperson said: "We were called at about 1.20pm to reports of people being concerned about the woman's welfare."

# Five hurt in Upottery collision

A TWO-vehicle collision – on the A303 between Upottery and Yarcombe turnings – left five people injured, three seriously.

Emergency services were called to the A303 at 4.30pm on Sunday, November 26th following the head-on collision between a Peugeot Partner vehicle and a BMW 218.

A spokesperson for Devon and Cornwall Police said: "Two women in the Peugeot were taken to Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

"The driver, aged 64 and from France, sustained serious multiple injuries and the passenger, aged 79 and from Middlesex, sustained injuries which are described as life-threatening.

"Three people from the BMW were taken to Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, one with a serious leg injury."

The road was closed for seven-and-a-half hours while officers carried out an examination of the scene.

Police are appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision to contact them on 101@dc.police.uk or by phoning on 101 (asking for Devon and Cornwall Police), quoting log number 0567 of 26/11/17.

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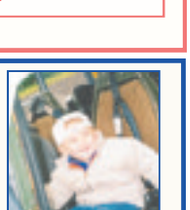

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# Flanders and Swann evening raises more than £1,500 for Admiral Nurse campaign

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AN evening featuring the music of comedy duo Flanders and Swann at The Beehive raised more than £1,500 for the Admiral Nurse campaign, run by Honiton Dementia Action Alliance.

Admiral Nurses are highly skilled, registered nurses who specialise in dementia care.

They work together with families and local health and social care services.

Honiton has identified a real need and is working towards raising £150k for its own Admiral Nurse.

About 200 people came to The Beehive – who also sponsored the event – with some looking sensational in evening dress and others opting for a more casual look

Two Blokes and a Piano delivered an evening of fabulous nostalgia, with sing-a-long songs and much laughter.

A Beehive spokesperson said: "Their renditions of Flanders and Swann songs were enjoyed by all and included favourites 'The Hippopotamus Song,' 'The London Omnibus' and 'The Gnu'."

Honiton Dementia Action Alliance chairman, Heather Penwarden, said: "On behalf of HDAA, I want to say a heartfelt thanks to you all for donating the takings of the Flanders and Swann evening.

"This was The Beehive doing what it does best – first class entertainment at affordable prices and accessible to all members of our community.

"With around 200 people attending, including some living with dementia, I would say that every single one of us went home with smiles on our faces and spirits uplifted.

"The handsome donation of £1,150 to our Honiton Admiral Nurse Campaign plus another £410 from the raffle was a very much appreciated bonus to an evening that for some will have given joy 'in the moment' and most fond memories to reflect on for a long while to come.

"Once again huge thanks to you all and keep up your good work as you bring so much pleasure to so many of us living in Honiton and beyond."

■ Performer Jim Mitchell, Wendy (The Beehive), Heather Penwarden (Honiton Dementia Action Alliance chair-person), pianist Grahame O'Connor and Graham Smith (raffle organiser) with the cheque for the town's Admiral Nurse campaign

# Open singing event attracts big turnout

SHELDON Singers' open singing day attracted participants from around Devon as well as Somerset, including Wellington, Taunton and Tiverton.

Held on Saturday, November 11th in Honiton's Methodist Church, the event gave the opportunity to sing excerpts from Eternal Light (a piece particularly relevant for Armistice Day), Mozart's Requiem, Vivaldi's Gloria and Rutter's Sprig of Thyme.

A spokesperson for Sheldon Singers said: "The sound was absolutely splendid and everyone worked with great concentration to provide a small concert at the end of the day.

"Refreshed by a fantastic lunch, everyone sang with tremendous enthusiasm as well as enjoyment throughout the day.

"Thanks go to the wonderful pianistic skills of Paul Hockey and to Julie De'Ath-Lancaster for leading this extremely successful opportunity to make music in Honiton."

# Christmas fun at local libraries

THE Friends of Honiton Library are holding a Christmas coffee morning at the library on Friday, December 1st, from 10am to 12noon.

There will be tea & coffee and free mince pies on offer. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Knowle House Singers. There will also be a raffle, lucky dip and a craft stall.

Ottery Library will be open for Christmas festivities on Friday, December 1st from 5.30pm-8pm.

There will be storytelling for the children and mince pies and refreshments for everybody.

● CAROLS Around the Christmas Tree in Ottery will be on Sunday December 19th, from 6.45pm outside the library.

Refreshments will be available.

# Wildlife trust launches 'Adopt-a-Beaver' scheme

DEVON Wildlife Trust has launched the Adopt-a-Beaver scheme to help raise funds for the River Otter Beaver Trial.

The five-year trial is scheduled to run until 2020, working to gather evidence on the beavers' impacts on the landscape and wildlife, infrastructure and farm businesses in the Otter valley.

Introduction of further beavers into the river system is also covered by the project licence from Natural England.

Each virtual adoption includes a soft toy beaver wearing a Devon Wildlife Trust 'Beavers are Back' t-shirt.

The charity's Dan Smith explained: "The beaver soft toy is modelled on the project mascot, Nora, whose name was chosen in a public competition by a shop owner in Sidmouth.

"These beaver soft toys are unique to Devon Wildlife Trust and the River Otter Beaver Trial and are not available anywhere else."

Adopt-a-Beaver packs are available for children and adults for £30.

All packs include the unique-to-Devon beaver soft toy but children's packs also feature a beaver quiz, word-search, maze and colouring sheet.

For an additional £10, the pack also includes a beaver wood chip, gnawed from a Devon tree by one of the beavers living in the county.

These wood chips – which come with a card of authenticity in a presentation box – have been collected from a site where Devon beavers are active.

Beaver gifts are available from www.devonwildlifetrust.org/support-devon-beavers or by calling 01392 279244 or popping in to DWT's headquarters at Cricklepit Mill in Exeter, on a weekday.

**LYME Bay Winery picked up five awards for its country wines and fruit liqueurs at the Quality Drink Awards, for wine, spirits and beer products on sale in UK grocery outlets.**

**Receiving a gold for its warming ginger wine and a bronze for its medium sweet peach wine in the Fruit Wine Category, as well as three bronze awards for its ginger liqueur, elderberry & port and cherry brandy, the Shute-based producer was praised for its great tasting products, impressing a judging panel comprised of chefs, food writers, food technologists and restauranteurs on the hunt for the finest flavours, textures and aromas.**

**Before the awards were announced, guests at the awards ceremony, which was held at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London, got to taste the ginger liqueur in a specially commissioned autumn mimosa, which was created to mark the event in partnership with London-based cocktail consultants Fluid Movement.**

Lyme Bay Winery MD James Lambert

# Dalwood Fair raises more than £7,000

DALWOOD Fair chairman Kathy Laing welcomed 40 attendees, including committee members, volunteers and supporters, to the AGM in Tuckers Arms.

Fair day was a success, with some 800 plus paying visitors.

In her report, the chairman thanked everyone for all their hard work and commitment, and she especially thanked Martin Farrenden for his generosity in allowing his field to be the venue for the fair.

Treasurer Nick Harrison reported to the AGM that there was £7,150 to distribute to the two named charities and the village beneficiaries. All village organisations and charities hold fair fundraisers throughout the year to ensure the fair is self-funding.

Nick presented the cheques to representatives from the following organisations and charities: Village Hall Trust, £1,240; St Peter's Church, £1,178; Dalwood Recreation Trust, £992; The Reading Room, £930; The Methodist Chapel, £930; The Raft Club, £375; The Badminton Club, £310; The Corrydale Singers, £248.

The two named charities for 2017 – Help for Heroes and Sidmouth Life Boats – each received £350.

A spokesperson for the fair said: "Thank you to everyone who makes Fair Day the success it is. We could not do it without you."

**MORE than 40 people attended the 70th birthday bash of Musbury & Whitford WI. Members had already done a bit of celebrating during a monthly meeting, but the official party was held at Axe Yacht Club on Tuesday, November 21st.**

# Old court and police station sold

THE former magistrates' court and police station site in Lyme Close, Axminster, has been sold to a developer.

Ownership of the site was split between Devon County Council (DCC) and the police authority, and went on the market earlier this year.

A spokesman for DCC said: "DCC sold their interest in the site.

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"The property was sold on an unconditional basis to a developer so the sale was not subject to planning.

"The property was sold jointly with the police authority, who disposed of the former police station as part of the sale."

The name of the developer and the amount involved was not disclosed.

Axminster Town Council made a failed attempt four years ago to prevent the site being lost for housing by requesting that it was listed as an Asset of Community Value.

The town council hoped to win enough time to decide on a community use for the site and prepare a bid to buy the land under the Community Right to Bid (part of The Localism Act).

But East Devon District Council (EDDC) – the authority keeping the Asset of Community Value list – turned down the application, ruling that "the principal use of the land neither now, nor in the recent past, furthers the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community."

## Christmas quiz at card shop

■ Volunteer Janet Hales with the Cards for Good Causes Christmas Quiz

THE Cards for Good Causes shop at Axminster Heritage Centre is now open for the festive season – and this year is also offering a quiz at £1 per entry.

Quiz forms need to be returned to the shop by the time of closing on December 9th.

All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw with a chance of winning a Sainsbury's luxury hamper or a cash prize.

The object of the quiz is to support all the charities represented at Cards for Good Causes by helping to cover overheads (such as the cost of getting the cards out to more than 300 temporary shops across the country) so that the charities can get back at least 70p in the pound from the sale of their cards.

All the shops are staffed by volunteers who give their time freely to support the good causes.

The Axminster Cards for Good Causes shop is at the Heritage Centre in Silver Street, where you can find a wide selection of cards from 33 different charities, large and small, as well as traditional advent calendars and candles, wrapping paper, gift tags, napkins and stocking fillers.

It is open from Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, until Saturday, December 9th.

## Coffee and carols at the Guildhall

THE Filling Station is inviting members of the public to an evening of coffee, mince pies and Christmas carols in Axminster Guildhall.

The organisation works to express the Christian faith in an informal way, and the event will take place on Friday, December 1st from 7.30pm.

Organisers said: "We are offering mince pies and fresh coffee as well as the chance to sing your favourite carols and hear a Christmas message by the Rev Clive Sedgewick."

## Festive Friday returns next week

**■ THE Rotary Club of Axminster's popular Festive Friday returns to the town centre on Friday, December 8th.**

**A varied programme of events and attractions from 5pm till 8pm has been arranged.**

**The Lyme Regis Town Band will feature with festive music and carols together with Punch and Judy, the Karizma Majorettes, stalls from all the local schools and a number of local charities selling Christmas wares.**

**There will be mulled wine and mince pies, burgers, tea & coffee and many other offerings on the stalls.**

**A club spokesperson said: "The highlight of the evening for families and children will be the arrival of Father Christmas on his magnificent sleigh.**

**"We are grateful to Father Christmas for agreeing to visit us again this year.**

**"We look forward to many families and children joining us on this traditional festive evening."**

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# Axminster's all lit up for Christmas

AXMINSTER town centre was ram-packed for the much-awaited lantern parade and Christmas lights switch-on last Friday.

Organisers estimate that up to 2,500 people were in the town centre just before the lantern parade started at about 5.45pm.

After a few lean years in terms of Christmas lights, the formation of Light Up Axminster had raised expectations – and the new group did not disappoint.

A 35-stall Christmas market opened in the afternoon on Minster Green, providing the perfect setting for what was to come.

The front of the George Hotel building was used to project animations before the lantern parade set off for Trinity Square.

The lights switch-on was performed by Hayley Hearn, the daughter of community stalwart Robin Cross, who died earlier this year.

Speaking after the event, Light Up Axminster's Cindy Furse said: "We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of those that have supported us in our first year.

Following Friday evening's fabulous feedback we are so genuinely delighted that the Christmas lights switch-on as well as everything else went down so universally brilliantly.

"There are too many people for us to thank individually here, but we hope that everyone feels that their contributions have been hugely appreciated by ourselves, because they all were, every single one, big or small, young or old."

Impressive animated projections were one of Friday night's highlights

The lantern parade about to start

Carol singing in Trinity Square

Words by ANDERS LARSSON | Photos by ANDERS LARSSON & ROB COOMBE

# Light Up A Life service

THE Minster Church in Axminster will host the next Hospiscare Light Up A Life service – on Thursday, November 30th at 7.30 pm.

The series of services takes place annually in the run-up to Christmas, which can be a poignant time of year for those who have been bereaved.

Hospiscare's Karen Turner said: "With a blend of readings, poetry, music and the opportunity to join voices in singing carols, these occasions bring at least as much joy as sadness and are never less than uplifting.

"We invite everyone to come along and join in remembering their loved ones, and you can attend any Light Up A Life service you wish.

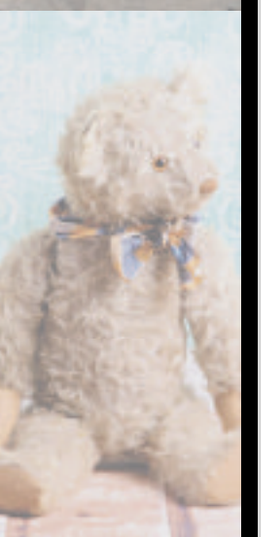
"This year's series of services will end on Sunday, December 17th with a service at Exeter Cathedral.

"The Hospiscare Christmas tree is already in place on Cathedral Green, and decked with lights that are being lit at dusk every day until Twelfth Night."

Each year, Hospiscare provides free, specialist care and support for more than 2,500 adults with life-limiting illnesses and their families in Exeter, Mid and East Devon.

If you are not able to attend a service, you can light up a life online.

Visit www.hospiscare.co.uk/lightupalife for more information.



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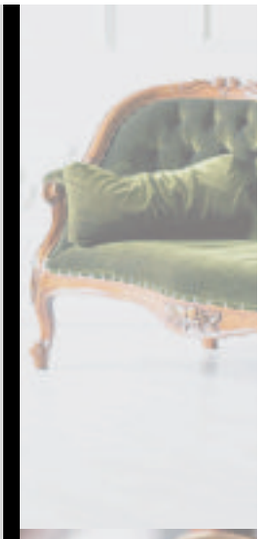
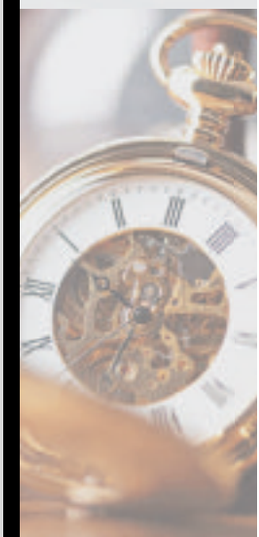

# Christmas music at St Gregory's

THE Friends of St Gregory's Church, Seaton, will host two organists playing Christmas music on Saturday, December 2nd, starting at 2pm.

This event will be held in the church and the friends will serve mulled wine and mince pies.

Entry is free, with donations welcome to help care for the church.

A week later, on Saturday, December 9th, between 10am-12noon, it is time for the Christmas fair in St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road.

Organisers promise "delicious drinks and cakes, lovely goodies of glassware, snowmen, wooden crafts, a fabulous array of cakes and preserves".

## Musbury craft fayre

**MUSBURY Church is to hold its annual Christmas craft fayre in the village hall on Saturday December 2nd from 10am until 1pm.**

**Parochial church council secretary Kay Short said: "All the tables have been sold and the event promises to provide a variety of crafts, presents for Christmas and other fundraising tables.**

**"The usual bacon butties will be on sale. Do come and support us as we need funds to just keep the church running from week to week and rely on events like this."**

# Seaton Music season continues

**Anders Larsson**
*Chief reporter*
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SEATON Music members welcomed Exeter-based pianist Alex Wilson for the second concert of their season in The Gateway, Seaton.

A versatile pianist with a passion for the unusual, new and unexplored, Alex started a project in 2014 to bring repertoire by forgotten composers back to life.

The theme for this concert was 'Composers affected by the First World War'.

A sizeable audience were fascinated by this striking and unusual concert programme.

The next concert will take place on Thursday December 14th in The Gateway, when Jarek Augustyniak (bassoon), John Anderson (oboe) and Sophia Rahmann (piano) will perform works by Mozart, Richard Rodney Bennett and Poulenc, including the Bassoon sonata by Bennet commissioned in 1993 by Seaton Music.

**Seaton Music programme secretary Iain MacDonald with pianist Alex Wilson**

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The Haynes International Motor Museum is always a great place for the whole family to visit and this Christmas there's even more to do! For the youngsters between the 2nd and the 23rd December, Christmas at Haynes is taking place around the whole Museum. Help Santa find his elves that have gone missing and receive a fantastic reward at the end. This activity is offered at no extra cost over the normal admissions price. Please see website for further details and T & Cs: www.himm.co.uk

**BEER Primary School pupils dressed in something 'spotty' for their Big Spotacular in return for donations for Children in Need. Their efforts were helped by parents and carers, who donated cakes which were sold after school. Children in Need wristbands were also on sale.**

# Beer Autumn Show

BECAUSE of an admin error, *Pulman's View* received the wrong list of prize winners for the 2017 Beer Autumn Show (page 15, Devon editions, November 14th).

The correct list is as follows: Best in Show – Chris Loud, Blackmore Cup – Dave Mutter, Alf Boalch Cup – Dave Mutter, Tucker Cup – Chris Loud, Ewing Cup – John Lang, Geoff Hunt Cup – John Lang, Pot Mum Cup – Keith Legg, Novice Cup – no entry, Barrel of Beer Cup – Barbara Greaves, Floral Cup Yvonne – Trudgen.

Number of entries: Vegetables and apples (11), flower arrangements (11), chrysanthemums (cut) (19), collection of vegetables (4), charms (28), mums (10), photographs (37), cakes (6), chutneys (13), home craft (11), beach art (3). Total: 153.

# Plans for air ambulance nighttime landing area at the cricket club

**Anders Larsson**
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A NIGHTTIME landing spot for Devon Air Ambulance could materialise in Seaton thanks to the town council and local cricket club.

The club and council have submitted a planning application for an emergency nighttime landing light at the cricket club.

If approved, the light will offer the air ambulance a Seaton landing spot when it is dark.

The air ambulance trust has for some time been working to develop a network of what is known as pre-surveyed floodlit community landing sites.

This work is done with the respective communities, hence the involvement of the cricket club and town council.

Councillor Martin Pigott was contacted by two local residents to ask if the town council could get involved. The town council agreed and pledged £1,000 to start the fund rolling.

One of the residents who contacted Cllr Pigott, Amy Catley, entered the Grizzly Cub Run 2017 and, as her father owes his life to the speed of the air ambulance, she was keen to help raise money.

Teaming up with running friends Emma Grigg, Hayley Eate, Laura Kerr and Suzy Eul-Brown to get sponsorship, they managed to raise £2,696.07.

This included a donation of more than £500 from Guy Sweetman of East Devon Sports Therapy.

Other donations have been made by Seaton Probus Club (£120) and Seaton Development Trust (£653.75).

The town council was given £200 from Axe Valley Runners for the use of the Marshlands Centre during the Grizzly Run, so this money was also put towards the lighting fund.

In addition, the Freemasons of De La Pole Masonic Lodge in Seaton have pledged £1,000.

Councillor Pigott said: "It's amazing how generous the people of Seaton have been.

"Without advertising we have been able to raise more than enough money for the emergency landing lights.

"I would like to thank all the groups who have donated money and especially Mrs Catley for all her efforts.

"I would also like to thank Seaton Cricket Club, especially the chairman Chris Gamwell, for all their help and support."

The lighting would be remote-controlled and only used when the air ambulance has an emergency in Seaton.

Councillor Pigott added: "If any residents of Court Lane, Meadow Road, Mead Way, Valley View, Colyford Road or Summersby Close have any concerns over the lighting, please email me at martinpigott75.mp@gmail.com

"Hopefully the lighting will not have to be used that often, but it is great to know the lights are there if needed."

■ Hayley Eate, Emma Grigg, Laura Kerr, Amy Catley and Suzy Eul-Brown raised a lot of money for the air ambulance lights

# Presentation night at sailing club

BEER Sailing Club's prize winners for 2017 were announced during the annual presentation ceremony.

The successful evening was held in the clubhouse with accompanying dinner on Sunday, November 11th.

**BSC Trophy Winners 2017**

- Winter Series 16 Line Honours, Rose Bowl – not raced;
- Winter Series 16 Personal Handicap, John James Cup – not raced;
- Spring Series Line Honours, Sunday Cup – Michael Taylor;
- Spring Series Personal Handicap, Laser Series Plaque – Jean Davies;
- Summer Series Line Honours, Mayor Lyme Shield – Michael Taylor;
- Summer Series Personal Handicap, Chatterley Cup – Michael Taylor;
- Autumn Series Line Honours, Ron Wyman Plaque – Michael Taylor.
- Autumn Series Personal H'cap, Gloria Mettam Trophy – Michael Taylor;
- Thursday Series Line Honours, White Cup (1933) – Michael Taylor;
- Thursday Series Personal Handicap, Goddard Cup – Michael Taylor;
- Laser 3 Race Day Line Honours, Wells Cup (1947/48) – not raced;
- Laser 3 Race Day Personal Handicap, Inglis Cup – not raced;
- Laser Pursuit Race 1, Skippers Cup (1946) – not raced;
- Laser Pursuit Race 2, Chairman's Cup – not raced;
- Vets' Race, Masters Cup – Stewart Aplin;
- Ladies Race, Bucknall Bowl – Jean Davies;
- Travellers Trophy, Travellers Cup – Henry Jaggers;
- Best Crew, Sean Colqhoun Cup – James Green;
- 1st Beer Junior, Green Shield – not awarded;
- Most Improved Junior, Dyer Trophy – not awarded;
- Special Junior Award, Philip Makepeace Cup – not awarded;
- Achievement Award, Midland Bank Shield – Daniel Thompson;
- Club Lady of the Year, Ladies Trophy – Barbara Cotton;
- Club Gentleman of the Year, Sportsman Trophy – Hugh Sutherland;
- Club Special Award, RNLI Tankard – Keith and Veronica Whittaker.

■ **CELEBRATIONS:** Mike Taylor (vice-commodore), Henry Jaggers, Daniel Thompson, Phil Bastone (president, making presentations) and Jean Davies

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## The Axminster Conservative Club are pleased to announce the opening of our recently refurbished club

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Our official opening night will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, where we are pleased to welcome Graham Barton from television's 'Homes under the Hammer' to help officiate the opening. The evening will kick off at 8.30pm, with music from 9.00pm followed by a food buffet.

On the opening night we are welcoming new members to join up with a special offer of 13 months for the price of 12 months, which is just £17.00 and includes a joining fee of £2.00. If you wish to take advantage of this opening night offer, but are unable to make the evening to become a member, you can just pop in on a Thursday or Sunday lunchtime and speak with a committee member or steward who can sign you up.

The club hosts multiple teams for darts, skittles and crib matches and holds a weekly meat draw. The lovely sized function room is also available to hire for both members and non-members. Also the new lounge being close to the Church is convenient for wakes. There is always food available on Market Days and the Sunday Lunches are becoming very popular. If you fancy a coffee there is always some available!

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The club occupied various premises in the town before acquiring part of the old Carpet Factory in 1912 where it resides today.

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In 1985 the club underwent a major refit with new carpets, ceiling, and furniture, and the bar was moved, creating a little space for a small kitchen. This had remained pretty much the same until today.

With modern technology and thinking we have been able to increase the bar and lounge areas. This consists of a small stage for our frequent entertainment evenings whilst also opening up the back of the lounge to fit in our darts and pool teams with fruit machine and TV. The new extended kitchen and modernised toilets meet the strict environmental health regulations, thereby satisfying the needs of all our 297 strong current membership.

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In South Somerset

## Turkey, Bacon & Chorizo Bombe

### Ingredients

- 8 pork & herb sausages or 500g sausagemeat
- 3 garlic cloves, finely grated
- 1 small pack parsley, roughly chopped
- 32 rashers smoked streaky bacon
- 1.6kg boneless, skinless turkey breasts
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 6 pieces cooking chorizo
- 1 tbsp maple syrup
- 1 egg

### Method

1. Squeeze the sausages into a bowl or tip in the sausagemeat. Add the garlic, parsley and egg, and squish through with your fingers to mix everything well.

2. Lay a large sheet of baking parchment on your work surface. Use the bacon to make a large rectangular lattice, weaving the rashers in and out of each other. Place a piece of baking parchment on top, then use a rolling pin to roll over the bacon and seal the rashers together

3. Butterfly the turkey breast by cutting into one side of it so you can open it like a book. Cover with cling film and use a meat mallet or rolling pin to gently bash it out into a rectangle that fits inside the bacon, with a 2.5cm border of bacon on each side.

4. To build the bombe, peel the top layer of parchment off the bacon, leaving it lying on the bottom sheet. Arrange the turkey, skinned-side down, on the bacon, then pat the sausage mixture on top. Trim the rounded ends off the chorizo and line them, ends touching, along the middle of the sausage meat mixture. Use the edge of the baking parchment to lift and roll the bacon and turkey into a tight log. Tie the bombe at intervals with string to keep it together, then wrap well in cling film and put in the fridge. Can be prepared, up to this point, and chilled two days ahead.

5. To cook, heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Remove the cling film, then brush the bombe with a little oil, put it seam-side down on a baking sheet, and roast for 30 mins until the bacon has crisped up, then reduce oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 6. Brush with the maple syrup to give it a sticky finish and continue to roast for another 45 mins

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During December, look out for the popular Tribute Nights with Martin Costa as Bruno Mars: Mars to Motown on Saturday 9th December and Barry Paul as Elvis on the Saturday 16th December, which are not to be missed!

With stunning views from the immaculately kept gardens across South Somerset, this is certainly the place to be on a sunny day.

The kitchen team pride themselves on sourcing local ingredients, some of which they grow in their own allotment, and make nearly everything on the premises, meaning it is easy for them to advise and adapt to dietary requirements.

The Windwhistle effortlessly blends the traditional pub feel with modern dining and is well worth a visit: The Windwhistle Inn, Cricket St Thomas, TA20 4DQ. www.windwhistleinn.co.uk 01460 30229, and find us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

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Their facilities include a large car park and a beautiful beer garden to enjoy when the winter weather is mild, and being on the A358 the location is excellently situated for a visit when exploring the Jurassic coast or a day out in the beautiful Somerset countryside.

If you're after a real West Country drink, then Ye Olde Poppe Inn is just the place to visit as they have two permanent draughts of Badger Ale, which is brewed just over the border in Dorset. Not only that but you are spoilt for choice as there is also a seasonal one to choose!

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**Roast Turkey**
Served with cranberry, chestnut stuffing, pigs in blankets, yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and vegetables.

**Roast Topside of Beef**
Served with yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and vegetables

**Homemade Mushroom & Chestnut Pie**
Served with roast potatoes and vegetables

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# Legacy to Landscape celebrates trees

CELEBRATING National Tree Dressing Day is the theme of Legacy to Landscape community heritage project's last outdoor wildlife event of 2017.

The event is taking place on Sunday, December 3rd at the magical and quirky oblong woodland called Enna Wood, near Colyton.

Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape project co-ordinator who has organised the event, said: "Tree dressing, an international tradition, involves creating artworks to dress trees at a time of year when they have lost their leaves and need cheering up. It's a chance to thank trees for the valuable resources they give us and their important role in the landscape and for wildlife."

Activities on offer at the event incude a 'Bark and Bud Detectives Walk' with local tree enthusiast, Graham Jones, to meet some remarkable trees.

Ruth added: "Other barking fun activities will include lantern making and making bird feeder tree dressings.

"As the light fades, the event will culminate in a gathering round the tree. Please bring a favourite tree poem or story to share as part of the finale performance, where there will be a roaring log fire to keep warm."

Drop in activities will be held from 1pm to 4pm and the walk is from 1pm to 3pm.

Niall McNiece, who runs the Enna Woodland Project, said: "We run a range of programmes designed to use nature to help improve physical and mental health. Providing a range of exciting projects, Enna Woodland links a network of artistic, woodland and rural service providers with people wishing to access them."

This is a free event and booking is not necessary. For more details about Enna Wood or directions, visit www.ennawoodland.org. For more information on the Legacy to Landscape project, visit the website www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape

## More than £1,000 raised for cancer charities

A RECENT coffee morning held in Colyton Town Hall raised £830 for Cancer Research UK and an additional £200 for Breast Cancer TResearch on the tombola.

Organisers from the Colyton & Colyford branch of Cancer Research UK would like to thank everyone who provided gifts for the stalls, made donations, and local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle.

"We must thank all of the helpers who helped to make this event a success and to everyone who attended the event," said committee member Jean Love.

"All the support we received resulted in a very successful event for Cancer Research UK."

## Carnival committee AGM

COLYTON Carnival Committee will hold its annual general meeting tonight (Tuesday, November 28th) at 7.45pm at the St John Hall.

All are welcome and the committee would particularly like to welcome some younger members.

# Standing ovation for young pianist

AFTER his first memorable concert in Colyton in 2016, Luka Okros once again charmed his audience at St Andrew's Church with magic, for there is no other word to describe his natural ebullience.

Since his last visit, Luka has won first prize in both the Hanover and Hong Kong piano competitions and been broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM. This remarkable young pianist from Georgia is quite the most dazzling representative of contemporary pianists we have had the pleasure to host.

In the latest Concerts for Colyton series organised by the Friends of St Andrew's (FoStA) on Saturday, November 18th the rapt and refreshingly age-diverse audience was enthralled by a display of extraordinary virtuosity enhanced even further by an emotional warmth that is impossible to quantify in words.

In a carefully contemplated and balanced programme, Luka gave exquisite renditions of works ranging from Schubert Impromptus Nos 1-4, Chopin Ballade No. 4, to Rachmaninoff Six Musical Moments and Prokofiev Piano Sonata No. 3 in the second half.

Demonstrating his supreme command of an instrument he has known intimately since the age of four, his performance won a second standing ovation from fans drawn from Colyton and much further afield. Luka reciprocated with a short encore, but "What was that beautiful touching piece he finished with?" people asked. We can tell you with a wry smile that it was Luka's very own composition, just Luka improvising seamlessly as only he can.

As FoStA chairman Ros Yarlott pointed out at the beginning of the concert, FoStA are indebted to the Tillett Trust for helping them bring tomorrow's classical music stars to play for us here. Without the trust's assistance, they simply could not afford to bring such talent to Colyton.

*Review by Simon Ford*

# Primary school opens new kitchen classroom

**COLYTON Primary School recently celebrated the opening of its new kitchen, which will allow children to learn more about food and cookery. The school's old kitchen classroom was completely refurbished thanks to a donation of £5,000 from Colyton Carnival Committee. Members of the committee, parents and families were among those invited to the opening, where children served homemade cakes and scones with cream and jam before Councillor Caroline Collier, representing the carnival committee, cut a ribbon to officially open the facility.**

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■ RICHARD David's article in November 14th edition cannot go unchallenged.

The majority of the electorate – those who voted Leave – did so whilst being aware of the potential great benefits to the UK from removing the shackles of the undemocratic, corrupt organisation that is the EU.

The accounts of the EU have apparently never been properly audited or verified. A business would not be allowed to operate in this manner.

The EU is run by whom? If the democratic electorate within the EU decide that it does not like how things are being governed how can the governor(s) be dismissed? Not by the electorate. The European Parliament rubber stamps orders from the unknowns.

Shades of the old Soviet Union?

The term Lib Dem seems to be used these days to hide the orignal name 'Liberal Democrats' who are no longer liberal or democratic – hence their wish to overturn the will of the referendum winning Leave voters.

At the last election this was clearly understood by the majority of the electorate who quite clearly rejected them as a political party.

If one is unable to comprehend the benefits of leaving the EU and one also votes Lib Dem, then that is showing definite lack of political, democratic and financial awareness.

***JAMES HEWITT, Sidmouth***

## Thanks for book compliments

■ MAY I take adavantage of the *View From* to say thankyou to all the many people who have purchased my book 'The Camp' and also to those who contacted me saying how much they enjoyed it.

I would also offer my sincerest apologies to the people who attempted to contact me but have received no reply. Unfortunately in the first run of books my email address was incorrect. It should have read *derek-bretondream@hotmail.com* NOT *co.uk*

If you still want to get in touch I would love to hear from you.

The second and final book 'From Huts To Houses: Millwey Rise 1953-1960' will be released in early 2018.

***DICK STURCH, Honiton***

**MORE LETTERS ON PAGE 28**

# Bed losses have environmental impact

■ IT APPEARS that the present management of the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (RD&E) are intent on carrying out the Ministry of Health directive to close all local hospitals and concentrate on one central facility that is to be run as a business.

RD&E have already removed all beds from local hospitals and are now actively removing specialist clinics and facilities.

Has anyone even thought that this policy is in direct conflict with the Government's commitment to the Paris Accord on climate change?

One specialist travelling from Exeter to Axminster is a round trip of approximately 40 miles whereas 30 patients travelling to Exeter is a round trip of approximately 1,200 miles.

The reduction in CO2 emmission is obvious to anyone (excepting the Ministry of Health and its minister).

The same applies to the problem of bed blocking at RD&E. Patients sent to local hospitals to convalesce vastly reduces the carbon footprint of the people visiting them.

There is international concern regarding the massive increase in CO2 (with the one exception of President Trump) but it appears that nobody ever mentions or has thought of the fact that this ties up massive quantities of oxygen and without oxygen we are all in trouble.

Axminster is the central point of a large medical catchment area for East Devon, South Somerset and West Dorset where the population is rapidly rising and no major hospital facility is within the Government's seven minute emergency response range.

Axminster should be greatly enlarged, not closed and the site sold as seems to be current short sighted policy.

My own experience of the distances involved is of the doctor calling an emergency ambulance for an elderly lady who had collapsed.

The ambulance took 1hr 14mins to arrive and a further 32 minutes to get to A&E in Exeter.

Is this what we all pay our taxes for?

***JONATHAN CLARKE-IRONS, Raymonds Hill***

## Hospital fight *should* be politicised

■ YOUR headline of November 21st reports a complaint about politicising a campaign to keep local hospitals open.

Whatever the details of what town councillors told each other, politicising this issue is exactly what is required.

The demolition of the National Health Service – of which local hospital closures are a part – is nothing to do with efficiency or austerity and everything to do with a cynical conspiracy by the current government to privatise the NHS and enrich the rapacious vultures waiting to exploit us. No doubt after a generous donation to party funds.

So-called austerity is a myth. Running a country of 60million people is entirely different from running a household, or even that corner shop in Grantham at which Margaret Thatcher learned her economics.

There is plenty of money available to our government to maintain the NHS and all the other public services being crippled: only the twisted political philosophy of the current administration keeps it away from us.

Thus, hospital closures are a purely political action and call for a political reaction to oppose them.

Only by dismissing this vicious, shambolic collection of billionaires and buffoons calling themselves a government can this be brought about – and political action is the only way of doing it.

***JAMES SEMPLE, Seaton***

# Is anyone missing a cake?

■ WAS anyone in the Brunenburg Way area of Axminster expecting to find a Christmas cake outside their front door on Tuesday morning?

We did find a cake in a bag outside our door and have no idea where it has come from and why it was left there.

If you were the person who left it, we have the cake if you would like to collect it and deliver it to its correct destination.

***ANN HELLIER, Axminster***

## The CCG *was* working with the community

■ YOUR correspondent – Pulman's View, Nov 7th – asks the very valid question of who was representing the interests of the community?

The answer is the CCG's Patient and Public Engagement Committee (PPEC).

The PPEC meets quarterly and includes nine members of the public of which four represent East Devon .

At its meeting on September 7th 2016, item 3 on the agenda was the draft of the 'Your Future Care' document including, towards the end pages, the proposals to close community hospital beds .

The tragedy was that the abysmally poorly written document was very thin on the detail for the implementation of the 'New Model of Care in your Home' but had umpteen pages on the closure of beds in community hospitals.

The document should have been written in two phases:

Phase 1 – Implement 'New Model of Care' into people's homes; Save money by moving 'bed blockers' from expensive acute beds to existing empty beds in existing community hospitals - marginal costing.

Phase 2 – Review results of Phase 1 and implement accordingly.

***R. NIX, by email***


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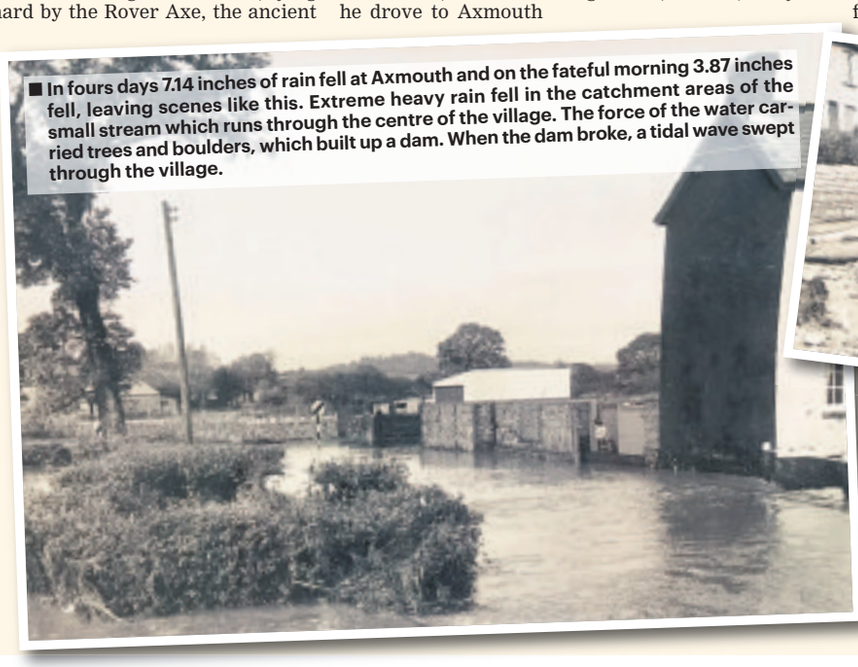
# Temporary Exhibition in the Museum: Snow, Floods and Storms

THE WORST disaster to hit East Devon in living memory came about 3.00am on the morning of 1st October 1960. Three inches of rain cascaded down and within minutes the centuries old village if Axmouth, lying hard by the Rover Axe, the ancient town of Colyton, bordered by the River Coly and the tiny village of Whitford were swimming in water.

Seaton Police Sergeant Donald Cowling received an S.O.S call at 3.30am and, with P.C. George Rudd, he drove to Axmouth to find the main road had disappeared under water. More than 40 houses in the village took the full brunt of the water, leaving them, as the water subsided, with inches of black, slimy mud covering floors and furniture.

Local photographer Tony Byrne-Jones took the photos printed and many other remarkable and unique pictures of the flood, available to be viewed at the Museum now.

The temporary exhibitions will also include photographs showing when East Devon was cut off from the outside world when a snow blizzard hit the area over a weekend in mid February 1978. The main road to Exeter was blocked for five days and a strange uncanny silence filled the towns of Seaton and Colyton.



■ In fours days 7.14 inches of rain fell at Axmouth and on the fateful morning 3.87 inches fell, leaving scenes like this. Extreme heavy rain fell in the catchment areas of the small stream which runs through the centre of the village. The force of the water carried trees and boulders, which built up a dam. When the dam broke, a tidal wave swept through the village.

■ Cleaning up after the flood was an arduous and unpleasant job, and many people lost virtually all their downstairs possessions. Here we have local residents in Axmouth bailing out water from their cottages.

## Axe Valley Heritage Museum

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Friday December 1st 2017 10.30am -5pm

Start the festive season in the Museum with a mince pie and a glass of wine.

On Thursday afternoon the town Mayor will make a presentation and also make a draw for the children's competition.

A small screen DVD film made by East Devon Council in 2000 showing the need for a link road to the stop traffic congestion in Fore Street can be viewed.

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Unions condemn 'dangerous' on first anniversary of major

'End 99 cuts no

On the first anniversary of the blaze that ripped through a city's historic heart, firefighters yesterday demanded an end to "dangerous" cuts.

Unions said they feared lessons learned in the "horrendous" inferno that devastated Exeter's Royal Clarence Hotel a year ago "have not been learned".

Fire Brigades Union chair Scott Young said: "Since the Cathedral Yard fire we have all witnessed the horror of Grenfell Tower, which is a wake-up call regarding the need for more effective fire and building safety."

FBU health and safety and Exeter representative Dave Chappell added: "There are al-

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Christmas shopping. We all know the stereotypes, women make multiple forays into town to accumulate gifts for children, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews breaking only for regular cappuccinos; blokes do northing, stress out and then rely on a mad dash sometime late on Christmas Eve.

There is, of course, a compromise to be struck: don't let the fact that it's still only November prevent you from buying something you know is the perfect present ... and that's our first tip to avoid injury, buying in dribs and drabs prevents overloading muscles, joints and ligaments.

But, if you are going in for a major shop then park as close as you can to the shops and make regular trips back to the car to drop off bags before they become too heavy.

A couple of breaks for a sit down and a warming, re-hydrating cuppa can also help take the strain off shopping-weary backs – and, as far as your back is concerned, there is a huge difference between walking normally, and shuffling round stores: so have a plan rather than wandering aimlessly.

...And talking of planning, try these top pre-shop tips:

• Wear comfortable, well fitting, shoes.

1 – 'Air soles' help take strain off backs as well as feet whilst you're pounding the pavements.

• Don't bring any unnecessary things with you before you start shopping

1 – You'll have plenty to carry, so start light.

• Think about how you're going to transport stuff.

1 – Can you use a backpack?

2 – A shopping trolley can be a good idea... but push it, don't pull.

3 – Carry shopping bags equally on both sides so you're balanced.

4 – If it's heavy, can you get it delivered?

• Mind your posture!

1 – Don't let your shoulders slump: walk tall with your shoulders back.

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SOCIAL Anxiety, can seem even more difficult as the festive season approaches. Many people go through life dreading such encounters and social engagements where they are exposed to their feared social situation, which provokes anxiety, or possibly a panic attack. Social anxiety disorder (SAD), not to be confused with seasonal depression associated with the onset of winter or social phobia, is a common anxiety disorder in which individuals shun all forms of interpersonal contact or undergo extreme physical or mental discomfort in social settings. Until recently, this condition was dismissed as a normal variant of human personality. However, most psychologists and therapists now believe that social phobia is not another label for shyness. Shyness neither is a prerequisite for nor can be considered as synonymous with social anxiety disorder.

Patients with SAD crave for company, but fear social interactions because they are afraid of being ridiculed and perceived as unlikable, stupid or boring. They suffer from low self esteem and SAD is also associated with an increased risk of conditions such as depression.

Presently, the treatment options for SAD include either psychotherapy, medication, or both. Cognitive behaviour therapy that aims at changing the thought patterns and physical reactions to anxiety-inducing situations is found to be effective in treating social phobia. SAD has been described as an "illness of lost opportunities." Few people with social anxiety disorder seek professional help. For most patients suffering in silence, it remains a pervasive disabling condition that prevents them from leading a fuller, richer life. Clinical Hypnotherapy can help many to build the skills and self esteem needed to change this debilitating condition, and manage it better. Call Michelle Hague to see if she can help, 07761773563.

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# Pen and wash demo at art society

**AXMINSTER ART SOCIETY:** October's meeting brought Terry Whitworth to Axminster to demonstrate his beautiful pen and wash techniques.

Terry, who set himself the task of painting all the old buildings in Bridport, took members through the process, saying: "It is far more interesting to isolate one particular building away from its neighbours."

By looking at it face-on, you are not constrained by perspective, concentrating only on proportions and architectural features.

With a palette including Van Dyke brown, cadmium red, blue and olive green, Terry also used indian red and neutral tint to capture the deep red weathered look of the bricks and pillar features as he started painting.

He used a little masking fluid to preserve some of the special features but overall was aiming to work in a free loose style whilst still maintaining the necessary accuracy.

Running a sharp blade along lines of brick and along the lines of tiles enabled the wet paint to fill the grooves and gave an aged look to the building.

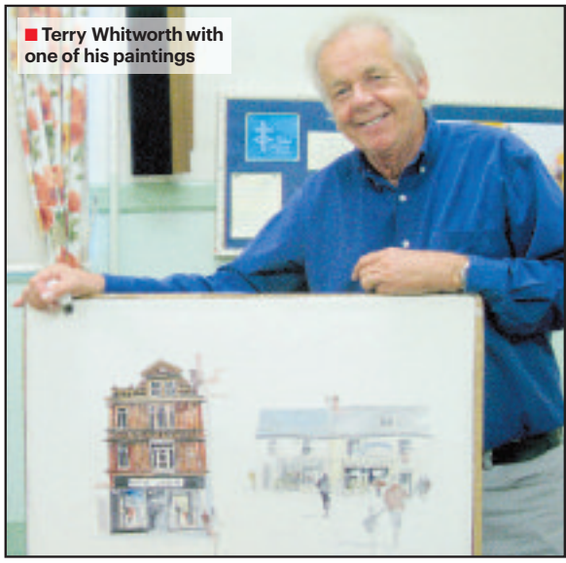
After painting the windows dark, he changed his thick brush for a rigger to add shadows and highlights around the frames and finally added a transparent wash of cadmium red to warm up the painting.

After tea, Terry drew the cottage that houses the oldest butcher's shop in the country, using a fine pen to pick out details.

He drew the lettering with masking fluid and showed us how, although line-work almost disappears under paint washes, it still adds definition.

The off-white colour of the building suggested a hint of age and again lines drawn with a blade allowed paint to fill in the fractures.

Adding people in the street, he checked their eye levels in relation to the height of the doors of the buildings and pointed out that, when people are nearer to the viewer, their heads should still be at door height although their bodies will obviously be bigger.



Terry Whitworth with one of his paintings

**AXE VALLEY CENTRE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST:** Alan Nicholas gave an illustrated talk on the 'Lighthouses of the Channel Islands' at the last meeting.

Alan worked for 40 years as a civil engineer in the lighthouse service.

He explained the Channel Islands consist of seven inhabited islands and many uninhabited islets and rocks, which, with strong tides, make the seas around them very dangerous.

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theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

**BEER WI:** Members focused on activities relating to fundraising and crafts at the November meeting.

A raffle was held to raise funds for Denman, a country house in Oxfordshire – owned by the NFWI – at which a variety of courses are run throughout the year.

Each WI tries to support it and Beer WI also – funds permitting – likes to offer a bursary to enable one of their members to book on a course of their choice.

This year the bursary was awarded to Pauline Procter and members look forward to hearing about her experience in due course.

Ann Robinson gave a craft demonstration on making a Christmas tree hanging decoration from plastic milk bottle tops and fabric.

Members had all been mysteriously asked to collect the plastic tops so were pleased to see them utilised in a colourful and seasonal way!

The group is also participating in a craft sale in St Michael's Church, Beer on December 8th from 5pm-8pm for Christmas shopping and Light-up Friday, where more of their crafts will be available to buy.

Beer WI's other focus is ensuring that the Over 65s Party on December 7th is a success and they look forward to seeing faces old and new at this annual WI supported event.

The next meeting is on December 6th, when Val Authorfield will be giving a talk entitled 'Halos and Hangovers'. Guests welcome.

# Pam's Christmas flowers

**AXMINSTER FLOWER CLUB:** Pam Burge was on hand for this year's Christmas demonstration.

She used a wide variety of flowers and foliage in the array of arrangements which delighted her audience.

Starting with an arrangement of stunning, tall, white amaryllis and white carnations on a raised base with varied greenery and subtle glitter, this was a reminder that winter and Christmas were not far away.

Following this was a stunning arrangement of yellow gerberas, a favourite flower of many.

Pam's next offering were two stylistic arrangements of roses and chrysanthemums presented on tall shapely vases.

As a complete contrast there was an arrangement of red carnations within a circle of colour, the result being almost a circle of fire.

The final arrangement consisted of a combination of eryngium, lisianthus and red gladioli in a festive setting based around a vintage lantern lit with red candles. It was a lovely Christmas finale

It was a very enjoyable afternoon and Pam's creations inspired and entertained.

Pam Burge created some spectacular Christmas flower arrangements

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# Wake up your walls

## Wallpaper experts reveal their top tips and predictions for 2018

WANT to wake up your walls? *Gabrielle Fagan* speaks to those-in-the-know about the hottest wallpaper looks.

Walls - like presents - look their best when well-wrapped. And there's now a huge choice of wallpapers out there, so they can shimmer, sparkle or stun with texture, pattern and colour.

Papering a single feature wall, or a whole room, is also a 'fast' way to embrace a trend. After all, we're increasingly following home fashion just as closely we do clothes - and a winning combination of cutting-edge digital technology and brilliant designs makes it possible to literally transform a setting with just a roll of paper.

Here, three experts in the field reveal their wallpaper wisdom and trend predictions for the year ahead...

### Create drama and personality

"WALLPAPER has observed tradition for too long and people are starting to acknowledge its potential in their homes," says Catherine Jacob, head of design at Murals Wallpaper, who offers a range of designs and can create bespoke wall murals from images, designs or photographs supplied by customers.

"Platforms such as Pinterest and Instagram inspire people and help empower them to experiment, while the rise in personalisation means people are enjoying creating unique designs for their walls.

"Generally, patterns are becoming more daring, with large-scale dark florals, jungle prints and bright coloured geometrics enlivening the landscape of walls once dominated by a conventional neutral palette of paint."

For 2018, she predicts large-scale images or repeat patterns will offer a punchy alternative to the small, ditsy patterns of yesteryear.

"Millennial pink reigns as the new black and has become a staple base colour, but lilac tones are gaining popularity," Catherine adds.

"Faux texture wallpapers are recognised as a brilliant way to change the character of a space, with brick for a rustic look or concrete for a chic industrial feel, or even wool for softer luxury. The craft/handmade movement is inspiring design, so look out for more free-flowing painterly styles, merging the look of artisan skills with digital-age technology."

*Top tip: To enhance a setting and ensure a beautiful wall covering is the focus of a room, pick out key colours from the design and repeat them in plain fabrics and painted woodwork.*

### Play with pattern

"THESE days, people can choose a look which totally reflects their personality and taste. Whether you prefer a bold colour palette with pops of bright colour, linear or geometric patterns, or shimmering metallics, there's literally something for everyone," says Paula Taylor, colour and trends specialist for Graham & Brown.

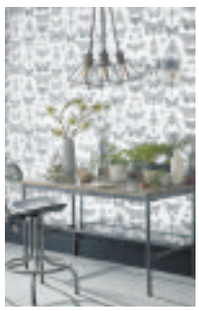
"For 2018, we've identified key trends which form the backdrop to our new collections. We're focusing on raw beauty - tactility, texture and fresh white forms, which bring purity to a home - think weaves, cane work and wood grain with layered, natural finishes.

"Vibrant tones of turquoise, parakeet green and fuchsia which will burst onto the scene next year, reflecting the desire for botanical opulence and luscious vegetation," Paula adds. "We're also focusing on nature in our Bugs Silver Wallpaper, featuring butterflies and insects."

"Global influences are here to stay, with an appreciation of intricate mark-making, weave dying and bold graphic elements. This trend will be a statement look, with sapphire, crimson and papaya colours, underlined by earthier rusts and greys in celebration of highly-coloured pattern."

*Top tip: For a stylish statement wall that conjures an eclectic traveller look, consider a bright tropical wallpaper featuring animated creatures and layered forest leaves, paired with natural wood furniture, bamboo accessories and wicker accents. For a modern feel, pair patterned wallpaper in a calming sage green with clean lines and contemporary furniture, and contrast vivid colours with glossy white finishes.*

### Get involved with shimmer and texture



"THE trend for people to be brave with pattern and embrace colour will continue into 2018," promises Alex Whitecroft, head of design at I Want Wallpaper.

"The popularity of floral patterns endures and classic patterns are getting an update, with new printing techniques and a fresh focus on detail and larger-scale patterns. A pink/purple palette will be the top favourite.

"The trend to bring the 'outdoors in', with the adoption of botanical and tropical looks, will evolve even further. There are so many fabulous ways to incorporate this look, from subtle embossed palm leaves to bold and bright tropical prints."

"Industrial papers mimicking the look of natural materials will continue to be popular, with earthy tones and dark woods taking over from the pale, blonde Scandinavian-style which is now waning."

"Metallics and designs incorporating sparkle and shine are another hot trend, and are brilliant in light-starved rooms, as they help bounce light around and give an illusion of space.

"These wallpapers look stunning as a feature wall for a backdrop to a Christmas tree," Alex adds. "Generally, copper's been popular, but many predict matt silver metallics will triumph in the next 12 months."

*Top tip: A large print used on all the walls in a small room, or one with low ceilings, may be overbearing - so use it sparingly or consider using a smaller-scale, simpler graphic design, or a simple textured paper.*

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## It's time to put your dahlias away for winter!

IF YOU want to enjoy your dahlias next year, dig them up now and store them for winter. Here's how to do it.

As the first frosts arrive, it's time to lift dahlia tubers and put them in storage, ready for next year.

Of course, some gardeners will leave the tubers in the ground - and keep their fingers crossed that we have a mild enough winter to keep these tender perennials going for another year, helping them along by cutting the spent plants down to ground level, applying a thick layer of mulch on the soil surface, and maybe even an upturned pot to stop persistent rain soaking and rotting the tubers.

But dahlias aren't very adept at sustaining long periods of cold, wet or frosty weather - and if you live in a really cold, wet part of the country, you may be better off lifting them.

### Here's our step-by-step guide for how to do it...

**1. Wait until the first frosts**
Let the first frosts blacken the leaves to allow maximum time for the plant to make strong tubers. Then tidy up the plants by cutting back the stems to around 10cm (4in) high.

**2. Label the plants**
Tie a label to the shortened stem of each variety, so you can identify the varieties you'll be replanting next year. Do it before you lift all the tubers, or it will become confusing.

**3. Dig carefully**
With a garden fork, dig around the perimeter of the plant to gently loosen the tubers. You do not want to be going in hell for leather and risking your fork damaging them. Lift the tuber out of the ground in one piece if you can, as bits that break off won't regrow without an intact piece of crown and bud.

**4. Clear off the soil**
Remove soil around the tubers, which will be a piece of cake if you have sandy soil but trickier if you live on clay soil, in which case you may need a brush to help remove a lot of the caked-on dirt. Take care to hold the tuber by the main stems, so you don't damage the crown or the clumps underneath.

**5. Dry them off**
Leave the tubers upside down in a greenhouse or shed to dry off, and once that's done, remove any remaining soil with your hands and cut off any bits that look damaged or diseased. You can also cut back the stem by half again. Put each tuber on newspaper, cover them with wood chips or compost, and wrap the paper around the tubers before placing them loosely in a cardboard box to store in a garage, shed or other frost-free but cool building.

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# Six things to think about when choosing your Christmas tree

AS CHRISTMAS trees arrive in garden centres, expert David Mitchell offers advice to those who only have a small space for a real tree.

Struggling to squeeze in a Christmas tree that's too tall and wide for the space in your home, leaving you reaching for the secateurs in an effort to cut it down to size?

Bigger the better might seem like a good approach when it comes to choosing a Christmas tree, but squashed-in probably isn't the look you're really hoping for, so it's far better to give a little thought to what size and style of tree is going to be best.

Here, David Mitchell, Christmas tree expert and buying manager for horticulture at Wyevale Garden Centres (wyevalegardencentres.co.uk), talks us through six things to consider when choosing your tree...

**1. How tall should you go?**

THE first thing you need to consider is ceiling height, says David Mitchell, Christmas tree expert and buying manager for horticulture at Wyevale Garden Centres.

"A lot of people have no idea how tall their ceiling is, and when you imagine a tree in a certain space, it's easy to get over-ambitious as to what you can fit in there," he says. "You also have to remember that the stand is going to add perhaps another six inches to the overall height of the tree, and quite often you find that you are having to cut the top off, or something that compromises the shape of the tree. So measure the tree and make allowances for the stand."

**2. How wide can it really be?**

"A LOT of the trees are coming through very wide. The Nordmann, by its very nature, is a wide variety with a wide skirt around the base.

We've been doing pruning work in the fields to help keep it within certain limits," says David.

"A lot of people want something that's big, bushy and deluxe, but as a general trend, we do want them slimmer and we try to accommodate that."

**3. What style of tree is it?**

IF YOUR space is very restricted and you want an extremely slim tree, Wyevale offers a Swedish style Nordmann, which costs slightly less than a traditional Nordmann - but there won't be as many of them and they sell out first.

"Back in 2014, we recognised there was very much a trend for artificial trees at that time that were very stripped out and minimalist, following a Scandinavian approach, where you could see the light coming through between the branches.

"We decided to do a version of that with our living trees, so we were selecting trees which had that layered effect, and prune in the field to get that shape and layered effect."

Alternatively, the Fraser fir has a much more narrow profile, which has a more columnal figure and upright habit, with branches sweeping upwards rather than downwards.

**4. What sort of scent are you after?**

FOR many people, the fragrances of the festive season are part of the appeal, so think about whether you want your tree to be scented. "You also have to consider whether you want something highly scented, which might steer you towards a Fraser fir. You can get artificial scents to put in the tree, but there's nothing like the real thing,"notes David.

**5. Avoid clipping catastrophes**

IF YOU are going to attempt to trim back your own tree, there are rules about pruning.

"Ultimately, you have to cut where is necessary to make it fit the space, but there's a tidy way of doing it," says David. "If you cut any given branch half way down its length fairly unceremoniously, then it's going to look as if it's been cut off.

"If you cut it in between the nodes, taking off individual 'fingers' of the tree, or find a natural break, that's always going to look better than if you cut it half way down. I wouldn't just take shears to it and cut it off. Look for a natural join. There's no risk of damaging the tree but because it's such a centrepiece, it's worth spending a bit of time on it and pruning with a bit of finesse."

If the only spot for your tree is by a radiator, you have to accept that it's going to dry out. This means it will need more water, if it's in a trough, and you're likely to see some areas going brown and a fair bit of needle-drop.

**6. Consider some alternatives**

IF YOU simply don't have room for a proper tree, there are other alternatives, such as long dogwood-style twigs or other branches which you could put in a vase and decorate with baubles to give the room a festive air. Many garden centres also sell artificial thin trees which are almost like a standard, just with branches on the upper third of the tree.

"There are a lot of artificial trees which have that stark white Betula jacquemontii (silver birch) look," says David. "It gives that stripped out, minimalistic effect. A real one in a pot would be OK indoors for a couple of weeks in December. You can decorate it and dress it up.

"I'm very much coming over to the notion of having a Christmas tree outside as well, because some of the Christmas lights are very well suited to indoor or outdoor use, and they can be solar powered, so you can have a set of lights and you don't have to worry about power or batteries."

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## Restoring original features in your home

MANY of us will choose a house based on those immortal words 'original features'. Fireplaces, wooden floors, ceiling coving and old pine doors are all things that can raise a house above the pack when it comes to the estate agents details. But more often than not those much-loved features have seen better days - pitted boards, crumbling plaster and peeling baths - fine in theory but those promises to fix them up are often forgotten in among the important task of living day to day in a property.

However, whether you're fixing up to sell or just want to give your home the love it deserves it's important to respect original features and restore them extremely carefully - a bodge job won't see the house through another year, let alone 150. Many professionals advocate using like for like when restoring a Victorian or Edwardian home, making new additions blend in with old, while others suggest respecting the original by making alterations and additions obvious. The benefit to this is not only in adding your own mark to a place but also in realising that a copy is not as desirable as an original.

If you desperately wish to keep an old home in the state it was intended to be your first stop should undoubtedly be the local reclamation yard or handy website www.salvo.co.uk where you can pick up anything from paving slabs to sash windows, plaster mouldings to butler sinks, church pews and even school toilets. You might also wish to build up a network of local builders who will get in contact if they remove something you need from another house or even knock on the doors of homes which are obviously being renovated.

While restoring wooden doors and floors may seem as simple as a sanding and waxing job, often panels or boards may need replacing or woodworm may need to be treated. For the perfect finish hire a professional who will know how to use the unwieldy floor sander and exactly what products to use on your wood. Additionally a carpenter can suggest ways in which warped or ill fitting doors can be improved. Original bathroom fittings can look wonderful but there's no denying that tens of years of wear and tear can take their toll. With a little attention lavished on them ball and claw baths, butler sinks and even old loos can be given a gleaming new lease of life. Again, rejuvenating a cast iron bath might be best left to a professional although home re-enamaling kits are available. A toilet bowl, even one as old as your Granny, can be cleaned using good old fashioned housewives tips such as bicarbonate of soda or indeed a professional can resurface both bowl and tank for you.

Of course, with the new back-to-basics trend in interiors you may choose to make a feature of crumbling plaster and chipped fire surrounds - there's never been a better time to work that 'worn in' look.

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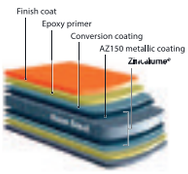


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# Christmas in Beer & Branscombe

▲ Father Christmas joined with Mrs Christmas along with his chief elves from 2015

## BEER'S CHRISTMAS FAMILY FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE FRIDAY NIGHT, 8TH DECEMBER

There's something for everyone throughout the village from 5pm-9pm. Don't miss the craft fair - where you can also meet Father Christmas - in the church, or the carol singing with Honiton Town Band.

Fathers are invited to take up the challenge of the Dad Dancing competition in the hall (the bar will be open if you need some liquid help limbering up!), while there's also a children's disco and pig roast at Mariners' to enjoy.

A barrel organ outside Woozie's Deli will be adding to the festive atmosphere.

Please note the road through the village will be be closed from 5-9.30pm.

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# Christmas in Beer & Branscombe

▲ The Seaton Majorettes entertaining the crowd in 2015

## QUICK 'N EASY EPIC MULLED CIDER

by Rosie – www.thelondoner.me

### Ingredients

- 1 litre of cloudy cider
- Half litre of ginger beer
- 1 orange
- Handful of cloves
- Couple of cinnamon sticks
- Splash of maple syrup (or honey)
- Sloe gin or spiced rum (optional)

### Instructions

- Stab a good few small holes into your orange (use a skewer or a pencil) and poke your cloves in. Pop into the bottom of a large saucepan, pour over your cider, ginger beer, add your cinnamon sticks and splash of syrup. Put the lid on and bring to the boil.
- Once it's boiled, turn the heat off, add a measure or two of sloe gin (or rum).
- Pour into a jug, orange 'n' all.
- Serve in mugs or jars if you'd like larger rations.
- Don't use glasses as they might not cope with the heat very well.

## Woozies Deli

WOOZIES Deli provides fresh and frozen vegetables, fruit, a variety of savoury pasties, pies and flans, local cheeses, Mediterranean sundried tomatoes and olives, preserves, pickles and jams and pre-packed uncooked and cooked meat, local eggs, fresh local bread, homemade treacle tarts and apple pies - perfect for Christmas and New Year festivities!

Woozies Deli will be open during late night Christmas shopping, so why not pop in and see the many gift ideas available at great prices!

## Pecorama

# Toot toot....ho ho ho.....all aboard for the Santa Special!

FROM Saturday the 16th until Thursday 21st December every day between 10:00am and 5:30pm Santa will be visiting Pecorama in Beer!

For just £6 each, children and adults can enjoy a festive, mile long, train ride from 'Much Natter Station' to 'White Falls Halt' then a short walk with the helper elves through the snow to meet Santa at his winter grotto.

Children will receive Christmas treats and fruit squash and there are festive mince pies and warm mulled drinks for grownups.

Those aged 12 and under will love the famous Pecorama Play Station indoor, soft play zone plus there's a seasonal menu with meals and snacks on sale in our Garden Room Restaurant.

The PECO Shop will also be open offering a wide range of gifts and railway modelling products plus the full range of Teddy Mac books featuring Pecorama's very own railway bear and Thomas the Tank and Friends train sets and gifts.

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## Remembrance events well supported

■ LARGE numbers of local people gathered both on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday on the Minster Green in Axminster to pay tribute to all those who died in the Great War, World War II and other conflicts past and present.

Despite the cold wind and rain, the mayor, town council and many others took part in the parade from South Street car park to the Memorial, including young children representing the Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Beavers, and St John Ambulance proudly carrying their standards.

Following the two minutes' silence, wreaths were laid by representatives from the town council, the Royal British Legion, military personnel, the church, the police, the Conservative Club, Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, Tesco, local schoolchildren (some of the tributes made by the children) and many other groups and businesses in Axmimster.

Each year the number of families and townsfolk, who come along to pay their respects and remember the fallen, grows.

Like so many towns and villages throughout our country, Axminster continues to honour those who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom.

"When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today" – the Kohima tribute read each year, at the Cenotaph and every memorial in our land, poignantly expresses the thoughts of us all.

Thank you Axminster for all the support you give to the Royal British Legion throughout the year and particularly at this time of Remembrance and especially to the young children to whom we entrust this moving Act of Remembrance for generations to come.

***LESLEY FRANKAU,***
***RBL Axminster Women's Section chairman***

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# Councillor was welcome at meeting

■ I WAS saddened to read that Seaton Liberal Democrat councillor, Peter Burrows, told the town council of his upset not to have heard about Martin Shaw's hospital meeting a few weeks ago.

I was asked to chair that meeting not because I am part of the East Devon Alliance but because – in a district where meetings so often degenerate into bullying and intimidation – I am known to use the chair to give everyone a chance to have a full say.

In particular, I do try to expose any cant with humour and to gently deflate windbags too fond of the sound of their own voices.

I believe that Peter would have been most welcome to attend and it's a pity he didn't hear about it, even though self-declared people of Conservative, Green, Labour and UKIP sympathies did, making welcome contributions.

What they all had in common was a unified sense that the Sustainabilty and Transformation Plan for our end of East Devon is not sustainable and is ruining rather than transforming.

The NHS problem we all now have arose from the Lib Dem support of the Tories in the catastrophic and little understood 2012 Health and Social Care Act.

That was in essence an abandonment of central government's duty to maintain a National Health Service as well as a roadmap to breaking the entire system into privatisable chunks. This is happening before our eyes across East Devon.

That was discussed at the meeting, and as a Lib Dem Peter's analysis of his party's culpability could have been heard.

But actually the meeting's main focus was not political blame games. Rather it sought to work out how, having been betrayed by our local Clinical Commissioning Group, the Axe Valley community now organises itself to back positive offers for the use of both Seaton and Axminster hospitals to prevent them being sold for development.

However, although I do know that Martin advertised the meeting widely, if I am asked to chair another one I will check that Peter has received an embossed invitation.

***PAUL ARNOTT,***
***Colyton***

■ HALF of Seaton Hospital remains empty, after the beds were closed at the end of August.

I am more than prepared to work with everyone, including Peter Burrows, to ensure a future for health services in Seaton and the other hospitals.

That is where we should all concentrate our energies.

However, you report that Cllr Burrows has criticised me because he was not informed about a meeting I organised in October of campaigners for the hospitals.

As I told the town council, I invited to the meeting people who had given their email addresses to receive information about the hospital campaign.

Cllr Burrows had never asked to be kept informed.

The email list which I run was started at a 150-strong public meeting about Seaton Hospital at Colyford in March.

At the time I posted information about this meeting to a Facebook group which Cllr Burrows manages, 'It's Seaton DEVON thank you very much'.

However Cllr Burrows deleted my post, and after I protested about this, blocked me from the group altogether.

Despite having asked Cllr Burrows to reconsider, I remain barred and unable to post information to the people in that group.

***MARTIN SHAW,***
***Independent East Devon Alliance County Councillor for Seaton & Colyton***

■ FOUNDED in 1990, Animal Defenders International (ADI) actively works to protect animals in entertainment and research by lobbying for legislative change, public awareness campaigns and implements worldwide rescue and rehoming programmes.

A street collection to raise funds for our animal rescue work was held in Axminster on the October 27th and our collectors, Maggie Dunn and Julia Johnston, raised £43.10.

ADI would like to thank the people of Axminster for their support, which will help the organisation continue to rescue and rehome animals worldwide.

ADI has recently rescued all the circus animals in Peru, following the ban on the use of wild animals in circuses there, flying them to the Emoya Big Cat Sanctuary in South Africa.

***JAN CREAMER,***
***Animal Defenders International president***

## Keep traffic out of town centre

■ I AM appalled at the idea of re-opening lower Fore Street and lower Queen Street to through traffic.

Many years ago we had so much trouble getting the relief road (now known as The Underfleet) back on the county council agenda in order to allow us to stop through traffic in our narrow streets.

This was accomplished only after the town council sent a video to the Ministry of Transport proving the congestion caused when vehicles were jammed back as far as Manor Road.

The surface of the "pedestrian friendly" (never fully pedestrianised) area was specifically laid to prevent its use by through traffic.

A lower specification was made for the base of these roads which, if the town council wanted to run a trial, would have to be relaid to higher standards.

Additionally, the fumes from passing (or waiting) vehicles would be detrimental to everyone living, shopping and working in Fore Street and Queen Street.

It has been a pleasure for the past 20 years to be able to walk down these streets without having to dodge traffic.

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***MRS B.A. DEARDEN-POTTER,***
***Seaton***

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## 1 Gerrard Arms

'Dad' drop off zone - free!

## 2 St Andrew's Church

### Candle Light walk

*In the grounds of St Andrew's Church, an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one or to celebrate someone special.*

### Christmas Banner Display

*Banner making competition based on The Twelve Days of Christmas*

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## 3 The Town Hall

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**Christmas Raffle**

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**Refreshments**

Mulled wine, snowball drinks and mince pies

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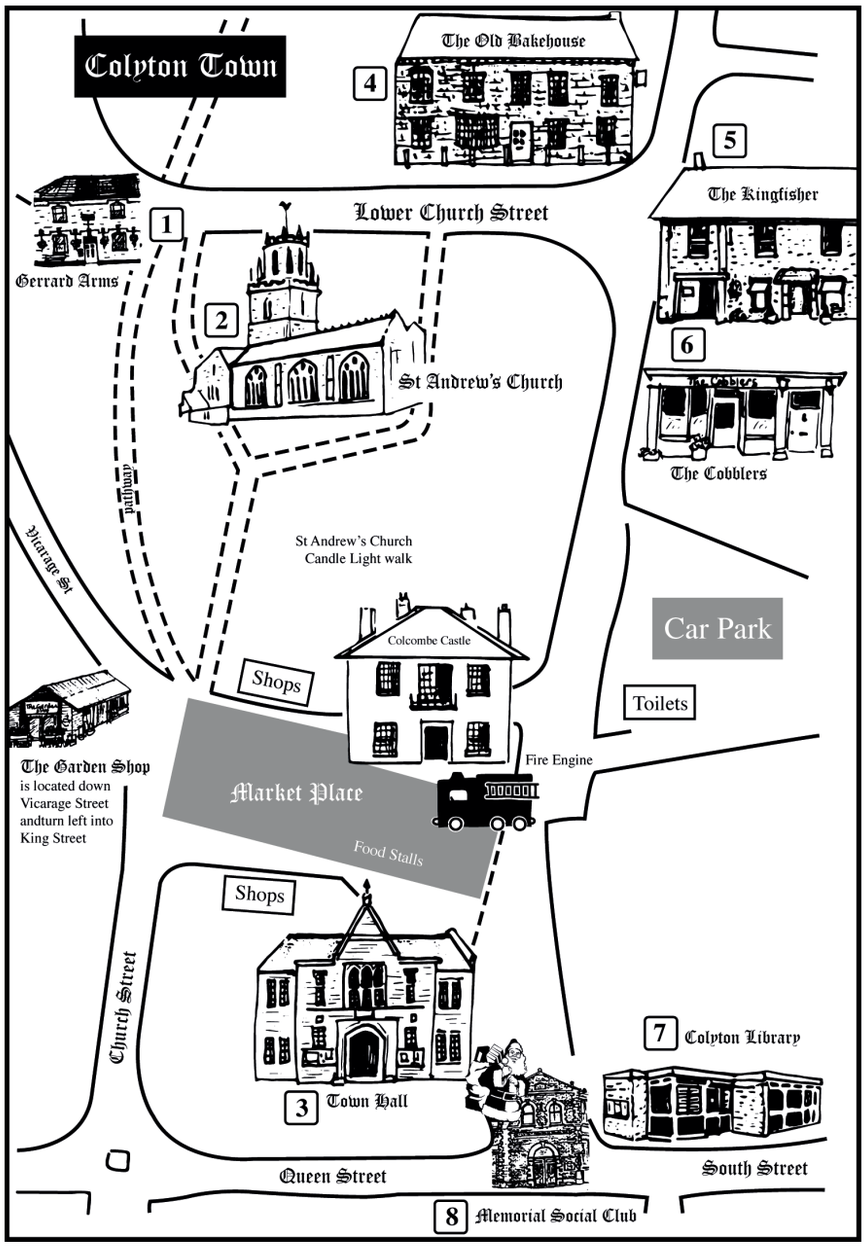
**Guess the Weight of the Cake**

# Colyton Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 6th December 4pm to 7pm




## Order of Events

**4pm** Stalls OPEN ***(Town Hall, The Cobblers, The Kingfisher, The Old Bakehouse and the Church Hall)***
**5pm - 6.30pm** Meet Father Christmas in the Social Club
**5:45pm** Switching on of the Christmas Lights
**6.15pm** Dancing display in main square

**Meet the minature ponies and local fire engine and enjoy a mulled wine and mince pit throughout the evening in the Market square**

**Organisers**
Colyton Caterpillars - 01297 552567

## 4 The Old Bakehouse

A variety of craft stalls selling handmade items

## 5 The Kingfisher

Craft stalls and refreshments

## 6 The Cobblers

Craft stalls and refreshments

## Food & Drink

- Hot Pork crackling rolls
- Burgers and sausages
- Warming Soups

## Other Venues

**Colcombe Castle**
Refreshments

**Olde Corner Shoppe**
Refreshments

**Colyton Fish Bar**
Buy a cone of chips special

**The Garden Shop**
Refreshments

## 7 Colyton Library

**Eco Explorers** - Come along and make Christmas Crafts

**Story Telling** - Come and listen to some Festive stories

## 8 Memorial Social Club

**Meet Father Christmas**

**Santa's Grotto** - 5.00pm till 6.30pm (Social Club)

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# CHRISTMAS IN Colyton & Colyford

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & FESTIVE CHEER

## DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S COLYTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

HUGE crowds are once again expected to pack the streets of Colyton as the town hosts its annual Christmas Fayre.

The fayre will be held from 4pm to 7pm on Wednesday, December 6th, to include the switch-on of the Christmas lights – much improved in recent years thanks to donations from Colyton Carnival Committee – at 5.45pm.

Colyton Town Hall will be packed with stalls offering a variety of locally-made crafts and Christmas treats from 4pm, and don't forget to buy your ticket for the grand raffle. Additional stalls will also be set up in The Cobblers, The Kingfisher, the Old Bakehouse and the church hall.

Lights a candle in memory of a loved one at the St Andrew's Church Candle Light Walk, or take part in the banner-making competition with a 'Twelve Days of Christmas' theme.

There will be a chance for children to meet Father Christmas in his grotto at Colyton Memorial Social Club between 5pm and 6.30pm, while other attractions will include visits from Munchkins Miniature Shetland Rescue and the local fire crew.

Colyton Library will also be hosting special activities, including a Christmas crafts workshop and story-telling, and festivities will finish with a dancing display in Market Square at 6.15pm.

Refreshments will be served at venues around the town throughout the evening, and hot pork rolls, burgers and hot dogs will be available in Market Square.

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IT'S HARD to believe that another year has flown as quickly as the last and it has been yet another one of ups and downs!

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It is likely that low stock will fuel plenty of New Year activity again as, having healthy Autumn sales but few people wanting to market this side of Christmas, we are not replacing those that we have sold. This means that anyone thinking of selling early in 2018 will be in a strong position and we would love to hear from you!

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## The Kingfisher Inn

THE greedy march of chain pubs with their soul-less interiors, cheap beer, loud customers and microwave meals has done more to ruin the old English inn than Hitler's Luftwaffe achieved, but thankfully a few proper old taverns still exist – and The Kingfisher in Colyton is among the best of them.

The visitor looking for a unspoilt, traditional Devon pub where the hospitality is hearty need look no further than this 16th Century inn, easily found in the centre of the town. It's exactly like an old pub should be – traditional roasts on Sundays, meat raffles in the bar every Saturday, CAMRA-rated honest local ales, a beautiful beer garden and a rare place where you can still play skittles, darts and crib.

The Kingfisher is also the friendly home to great British pub grub – fish and chips that are said to be the best in the area, steak and kidney pie, chicken and leek pie, whitebait, stuffed mushrooms, baked salmon, sirloin steak, scampi, egg and chips and raspberry and apple pie are among the choices that are all freshly-homemade and come in large portions.

It is a popular spot with walkers and rave reviews of the welcome at The Kingfisher have come from as far as California. Typical is the thumbs-up from a recent visitor from Birmingham, who wrote: 'It's been a long time since we enjoyed a simple, well-cooked pub meal and this pub does the job. We had scampi, chips, peas and salad and ham, egg, chips and peas and our meals were thoroughly enjoyable. The food was well presented – no attempts to be a gastropub or

anything fancy, just good, wholesome pub grub. We cleared our plates and we just wish that this pub was our local! We will definitely be back.'

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# CHRISTMAS IN Colyton & Colyford

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & FESTIVE CHEER

## The Garden Shop and Café

## LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

CHRISTMAS Fayre is coming to Colyton on Wednesday 6th December, and we will be open late until 8.00pm to take part in the celebrations. Why not let 'Santa's little helpers' get your seasonal retail therapy going with our wonderful variety of unusual gifts, locally-grown poinsettias and festive houseplants, cards, candles, scented soaps, and Christmas decorations. Our friendly café will also be open for refreshments or a light snack, and there will be mulled wine and homemade mince pies for all our customers as a little treat!

**Home Made Christmas Puddings £6.95 each**

Orders now being taken for our wonderfully moist and fruity Christmas puddings. They are pint-sized, and are enough for 4 servings. We can gift wrap if required and puddings will be available for collection after 12th December. (Please note our puddings contain eggs and gluten).

Also available this year our home-made Mince Pies £3.00 for six.

**Traditional Christmas Lunch (2 courses)**

We are now taking bookings for 3rd, 10th and 17th December (served from 12.00-2.30pm) for our Traditional Christmas Lunch of Roast Turkey, Bread Sauce, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, and Carrots followed by Christmas Pudding and Clotted Cream or Custard or our Garden Shop Special Trifle. We will be serving a 'Not Christmas Lunch' of Beef Casserole and Dumplings followed by Treacle Sponge or Fruit salad on 24th December. Vegetarian and/or gluten-free options available. (Please book by the previous Friday with £3.00 deposit per person)

**£12.95 per person £8.95 child under 16**

We look forward to seeing you and wish all our customers old and new a very Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

# The Garden Shop

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Free Parking

## *Traditional Christmas Lunch (2 courses)*

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***£12.95 per person, £8.95 child under 16***

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| | Sun | 10.00am-4.00pm |
| Café | Mon-Sun | 10.00am-4.00pm |

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## Dolphin House Gallery

### Make your favourite picture stand out

DOLPHIN House Gallery are taking lots of orders for picture framing for Christmas, but there is still time to place your orders and get your pictures back in time for the big day.

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It's not just the regular beers – Otter Amber, Dartmoor Legend and Dartmoor Jail – that won The Colcombe Castle whatpub.com's vote as 'friendly and welcoming', it's the old-style, no-fuss of it.

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### Christmas Day Carvery Lunch

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*Pate or Prawn Cocktail*

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▲ Christmas Lights 2016

▲ Stalls in the Town hall 2016

## Colyton Christmas Fayre

### Colyton Christmas Fayre

**Wednesday 6th December 4pm**
**Light switch on 5.45pm**

- Stalls around the town
  - Town Hall
  - Cobblers
  - Kingfisher
  - Old Bakehouse
  - Church Hall
- Shops open til late
- Father Christmas grotto in the social club 5-6.30pm
- Miniature ponies
- Dancing display 6.15pm in the main square
- Hot food stalls
- Mulled wine and mince pies
- Fire engine

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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## Blackbury Honey Farm

### Christmas at Blackbury Honey Farm

ALL is peace and quiet up here with people coming in to enjoy a leisurely lunch or tea as a break from the hurly - burly of Christmas preparations. Our home - made mince pies and slices of Christmas cake are proving very popular, as is our special Christmas honey chutney.

Whilst here, why not take the opportunity to do a little gentle gift shopping in an unhurried atmosphere. We have our luscious local honey, honey chutnies and marmalades, beeswax candles, honey cosmetics and many more gorgeous and unusual presents. Why not make up your own very personal gift bag and complete it with a special card and wrapping paper.

For many groups and organisations, this is the time of year for getting the diaries out and planning next year's programme. We have already taken several bookings for 2018 so if your group is seeking a fantastic location with good food, lovely gardens and an interesting talk, get in touch with us now. Alternatively, one of our beekeepers can come out to you.

We will be open until 17th December so still time to get out here, soak up our special ambience, enjoy some seasonal delights in the tearoom and shop for that special gift. We look forward to seeing you soon. Come and be part of this special place.

Blackbury Honey Farm follow the 'Honey Farm' brown signs from the A3052. EX24 6JF 01404 871600

▲ Children enjoyed a visit from minature ponies in 2016


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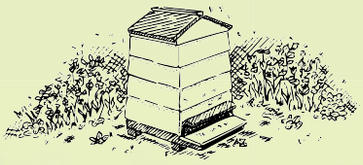

Honey shop with presents, gift bags and cards

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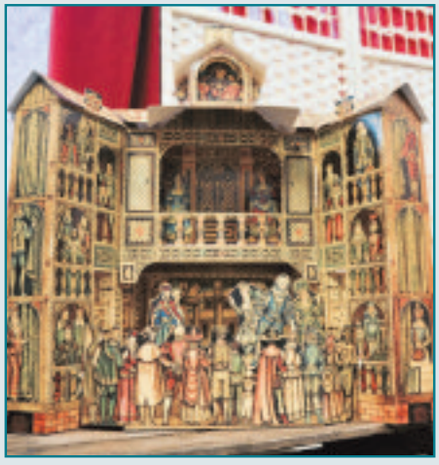

ENTER into the festive season with a visit to the town of Colyton for a fabulous evening and see Her all lit up in Christmas finery. There are a lovely selection of independent shops and wonderful food.

Here at The Tinderbox we have many unusual keepsakes for your perusal and ready to 'spark the imagination'. Model theatres, pop up cards and shadow boxes from the magical Benjamin Pollocks Toyshop. The theatres can be made up to put on a show with scripts, scene changes and moveable characters included-they also make an alluring ornament in the home.

How about an automaton or mechanical toy kit? Automata have been around for hundreds of years but were particularly loved by the Victorians. Making up one of these kits is a great introduction for children on how things work and fit together with moving parts, then bring them to life by turning the handle or by adding a motor. With a variety of skills levels these super items will suit many ages.

We have a number of toys from times past with Jack-In-The-Box, kaleidoscopes and collectable tin toys for the young at heart.

Accessories, novel gifts and stocking fillers abound including socks, candles, bookmarks and beautiful hand made hanging mobiles.

Along side this eclectic mix are the delicious chocolates-centre stage is the 'pick your own' cabinet of loose chocolates, hand made in Belgium and the U.K, from which you can choose what goes into a selection box-or treat yourself to a favourite, definitely not for sharing! There is an assortment of pre packaged chocolates with some gluten free and no sugar added ranges.

We do look forward to seeing you in our little shop, once the most rebellious town in Devon-now one of the most welcoming.


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## The Gerrard Arms

THE GERRARD Arms is a small, friendly pub in the centre of the town of Colyton. It dates back to 1506 and is one of the oldest coaching inns in town, remaining largely unchanged until 1914 when the building caught fire and the original thatched roof was lost. Later, the stables were sold off, and after several refits the pub settled into its current configuration, at the time as a Charrington House.

Once visited by none other than Lawrence of Arabia (so folklore has it), the Gerrard Arms now retains the traditional feel of a pleasant country pub, whilst offering a selection of beverages only possible in a Freehouse.

Today Dave and Kaz welcome you to their freehouse to enjoy a friendly, warm atmosphere, local real ales, and a natter with the locals.

Why not come and see our newly renovated function room/skittle alley, which underwent an extensive refurbishment over the summer and is now available to hire for special occasions, parties and events?

# Looking back at Colyton Christmas Fayre 2016

## Colyford Butchers

### Christmas is coming...

SUPPLYING QUALITY local produce and offering a personal friendly service is the name of the game at Colyford Butchers, your local butcher.

The helpful owners and staff will take out part of the stress of organising your perfect Christmas they offer everything you need for your Christmas holiday feasts, not just for the main day but for boxing day breakfasts and those cold meat platters that everyone loves to snack on.

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Colyford butchers are offering locally produced turkey and poultry, local beef, free-range pork and much more. They also specialise in making their own sausages, delicious hot or cold!

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# Honiton Christmas Carnival

## Saturday December 2nd

**THE ANNUAL Honiton Christmas Carnival will be making it's way up the High Street on Saturday, December 2nd, starting at 5.30pm prompt.**

**The procession will be starting at Ottery Moor Lane and the High Street will be closed off at 5pm.**

**This carnival is a fun event when everyone is out to have a good time and get into the Christmas spirit.**

**All the entries will be decked out for Christmas including the Honiton royalty float which will be escorted by carnival committee members dressed like a variety of Christmas characters.**

**Come along and enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas and get the festive season off to a great fun start and don't forget to bring along your loose change to put in the buckets and help local good causes.**

## Bearhouse Alpacas

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## Axcess Electric Bikes

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## Shoobridge Funeral Services

# Shoobridge Funeral Services named runner up for Regional Funeral Planner of the Year Award

HONITON and Exeter funeral directors Shoobridge Funeral Services have been named a runner-up for the best small pre-paid funeral planner in the South West region at this year's Funeral Planner of the Year Awards. The event was orchestrated by one of the UK's market-leading funeral plan providers, Golden Charter.

Hosted by the BBC's Dan Walker, the awards mark the biggest annual gathering of independent funeral directors in the UK with this year's event taking place at the Park Plaza London Riverbank Hotel.

Paul Shoobridge, CEO of Shoobridge Funeral Services, said, "This not only recognises the hard work our team has put in again this year, but endorses our absolute belief in a marketing process that can save the consumer money but is primarily designed to put the client in charge of his or her own future funeral, whilst giving their families and loved ones peace of mind at possibly the most difficult time they will experience in their lives."

Malcolm Flanders, Golden Charter's Director of Funeral Director Sales, said, "These highly competitive awards are now in their 24th year and, each year, the standard increases.

"Funeral plans continue to grow in popularity, and the awards are more competitive than ever before. As independent funeral directors continue to set extremely high standards of service in all areas of their work, this award for runner up is well-earned proof that Shoobridge Funeral Services is among the very best in the region."

The Funeral Planner of the Year Awards focus on the achievements of independent funeral directors throughout the UK.

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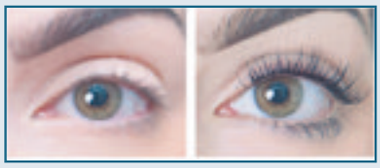

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50 years in newspapers

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# The day I was shunted off the road in Jo'burg

IN one of my previous '50 Years in Newspapers' columns I referred to the time I spent in South Africa where I co-wrote Rob Andrews' World Cup Diary in 1995.

I returned to South Africa the following year soon after the ANC came to power, a hugely significant time for the country which led to great expectations by the population that they could look forward to decent living conditions and more employment opportunities.

At the time I was working for Independent Newspapers run by Tony O'Reilly (now Sir Anthony O'Reilly), one of the world's most successful and charismatic businessmen. He was also a sporting hero in South Africa where, as an international rugby player for Ireland, he set the record number of tries scored on a British Lions tour.

Tony had already befriended Nelson Mandela before he was released from Robben Island after 27 years of incarceration. Much of the press in South Africa was owned by American publishers, not a satisfactory position for the ANC, and Tony's Independent group was well place to acquire some of the country's main newspapers, including *The Sowetan*, *The Johannesburg Star* and *The Cape Argus*.

I was based in London and running Independent Sports Publications, a stable of football magazines and other sporting titles, and I was sent to Johannesburg to investigate the possibility of launching a similar portfolio in South Africa where football was watched by hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts.

In the early days of the ANC, Johannesburg was not the safest place to visit and I was holed up for some weeks in a very posh hotel, the Carlton Towers, rarely daring to stray outside the front door after dusk.

One of my tasks was to make a presentation on the football mag concept to the equivalent of South Africa's WH Smith. They were located on the outskirts of Jo'burg on a trading estate. These were in the days before mobile phones had really caught on and laptops had not been invented. I was making my presentation using a carousel of slides, carried in a pilot's case.

I booked a cab from the hotel to the trading estate, about half an hour's journey, and told the driver that if he collected me around 5pm I would give him a generous tip in Rands.

The presentation went well and the cab driver turned up on time. I have to say it was doubtful whether the taxi would have passed its MOT, and the cabbie was driving bare foot.

On the way back into central Jo'burg the driver stalled the engine in rush hour traffic. He kept turning it over and turning it over and I tried to explain to him by doing this he was flooding the engine. Suddenly there was a loud speaker behind us shouting instructions. It was a police car, driven by a white policewoman with a black colleague next to her.

■ CARLTON Towers in Johannesburg, where I stayed for several weeks while working in South Africa in the early 1990s, a long way from the narrow lanes of East Devon

She made it quite clear to the taxi driver, now in a state of panic, that if he did not move she would shunt him off the road. And that's exactly what she did, putting her police vehicle into reverse before driving full pelt into the back of the taxi which ended up on the kerb, with me shouting "holy s**t!"

The driver got out and lifted the bonnet and soon a crowd gathered around the car. After about ten minutes I realised the cab driver had done a runner and there I was, the only white man for miles, or so it seemed, stranded in the failing light on an industrial estate with no phone and carrying a large case.

Fortunately, the Carlton Towers was one of the tallest buildings in downtown Jo'burg and I could just make it out in the failing light. But it was a good two-mile walk, under concrete flyovers and through crowded markets. My pace quickened (as well as my heartbeat) the nearer I got to the hotel. At one time I convinced myself I was being followed by a very unsavory looking character.

When I got to the hotel's entrance I was virtually running and carried on doing so into the bar where I spent most evenings and got to know the bartender well.

"You look awful, Mr Evans," he said, "what's happened?"

I recounted the story and without being asked he poured a very large brandy which I downed in one!

"You are one lucky dude, Mr Evans, we might never have seen you again."

My experiences in South Africa were not all so terrifying. True, Jo'burg was a bit of a tinder-box and most nights I could hear guns being fired in the streets, where there were several murders. I also visited Durban where I met up with John and Joyce Oldfield, who had emigrated to South Africa from Lyme Regis, and I absolutely loved Cape Town where I stayed in Kitchener's former headquarters under Table Mountain.

But I did have just one more disturbing experience whilst in Johannesburg. I was invited to a posh cocktail party in one of the more salubrious parts of Jo'burg, which was attended by Thabo Mbeki, who went on to become Nelson Mandela's successor as President of the ANC.

I booked a taxi and checked this time that the driver was wearing shoes. Later in the evening the driver collected me from the house in a smart, gated community and drove me back down into the city.

As we were going down a hill towards traffic lights, the driver locked the doors and sped up. I immediately asked him what was going on and he replied "you'll see in a minute".

As we came to a crossroads the driver went straight through the red light and I got a glimpse of two guys standing with rifles as we sped by.

"If we stopped, you would be dead now," said the driver somewhat menacingly.

It occurred to me when I eventually returned home that when I was a young reporter speeding around the lanes of East Devon in my little A35, never did I think that one day my career would take me into one of the most dangerous but enchanting countries in the world.

**In my next '50 Years In Newspapers' column I will tell how I thought I was going to be shot by one of my own staff brandishing a double-barrelled shotgun in the East End of London.**

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# Christmas music down the ages

SEATON Choral Society will present a splendidly varied programme this year for their Christmas concert at Seaton's Gateway on December 10th. The title 'Christmas Cheer Year by Year' suggests some time travelling; the first piece to be heard will be a beautiful fourteenth century two-part song, 'Blessed be thou, heaven's Queen', conjuring up a time of austerity perhaps, rather than the bacchanalian feasting of modern times ! Items by Orlando Gibbons, Mozart, Elgar and the seventeenth century French composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier follow, forming the first half of the evening.

Charpentier had the misfortune to be working in Paris at the time when the notoriously jealous and scheming Jean-Baptiste Lully was holding musical sway at Versailles for Louis XIV. Lully dictated the rules of musical practice, the number of musicians allowed for certain occasions, and generally made life insufferable for his peers. Nevertheless, Charpentier's talent, and the fact that he had a sympathetic employer in the person of the Duchesse de Guise, enabled him to write, successfully and over a long period, a wealth of both church and stage music in spite of Lully's antagonism. In his sparkling 'Messe de Minuit' – Midnight Mass – he originated the idea of adapting a number of folk carols to fit various parts of the Mass, and then composing new material to bind the work together. The result is a delightful piece which combines the elegance and sprightliness of France with the grace and warmth of Italy, the latter quality gained from the composer's earlier study in Rome with Carissimi.

The second half of the concert begins with two great Bach chorales and continues with a collection of well-known carols including 'A great and mighty Wonder, 'In the bleak midwinter' and roars to a snowy conclusion with 'Jingle Bells' and the triumphant Handel tune 'Joy to the World.

Musical Director Ian Crew will conduct, while accompanying will be a small ensemble of recorder, oboe, violin, cello and chamber organ.

The performance will be on Sunday, December 10th at 4pm (doors open 3.30pm) at The Gateway, Fore Street, Seaton. Tickets £10 in advance (under 18s free) from The Gateway Box Office (Tel: 01297 625699) or £12 on the door.

# Bah, humbug!

## Dickens classic comes to The Beehive

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In their inimitable style the team that brought you Great Expectations, Dracula and The Odyssey (Greek stuff!) will now take you on a grim journey through the dark, dismal streets of Victorian London, where Ignorance and Want cower together. Using Dickens' original words combined with anarchic comedy. Comedy? Bah!

Celebrate the festive season with a mesmerising one-man performance of Charles Dickens' timeless, transformative story: A Christmas Carol. Bah! And Bah!

A Christmas Carol comes to The Beehive, Honiton on Friday, December 1st at 7.30pm. Suitable for adults and older children (8+) For tickets or more information call 01404 384050 or visit the website at www.beehivehoniton.co.uk

# Cantamus presents a programme of beautiful music for Christmastide

AS PART of the popular Hawkchurch Christmas Tree Festival, Cantamus will be performing at St John the Baptist Church, Hawkchurch on Tuesday, December 19th at 7.30pm (tickets £8 from Hawkchurch Community Shop or on the door). Last year the church was full to capacity, so music lovers are advised to buy tickets in advance.

■ Cantamus

The programme, 'Music for Christmastide', comprises more than 20 songs with a Christmas or advent theme, so there's sure to be something for everyone. There are works from the last six centuries, from an arrangement of the 15th-century 'Boar's head carol', and the 16th-century Spanish 'Riu, riu, chiu', to the upbeat, modern 'De virgine Maria', written in 2014 by Carl Rütti. The programme also includes a selection of pieces by the English composer Peter Warlock – 'The first mercy', 'Balulalow' and 'Bethlehem Down' – and two movements from Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

Cantamus was formed in 2012 and gives three series of concerts each year across the area. The choir's musical director, Malcolm Knowles, is also an established singer and arranger, and his treatment of 'Baby born today' is included in the second half of the programme.

For more details of the choir's activities please visit www.cantamus-dorset.org

# A fun show at the Beer Wurlitzer

IT WAS another fantastic musical performance on the Beer Wurlitzer by Matthew Bason on Saturday, November 25th and it was a fun afternoon too as the young and talented Matthew also played the keyboard and the accordion and sang beautifully. The audience loved him and gave him a standing ovation! Matthew was classically trained on the piano and began to teach himself the organ aged 12. He performs all around the UK and has toured in the USA, Canada, Australia and Europe but always enjoys coming to Beer and said "It is a privilege to be invited to play on this lovely organ."

Matthew is an inspiration and the Friends of the Beer Wurlitzer would welcome any young budding keyboard players who would like to 'have a go' on this historic instrument, the oldest in the UK. Our Technical Manager, Geoff Archer, would be pleased to hear from you on 01297 24708

2017 has been a highly successful year with every show delighting the audience who come from far and wide, and we thank them for their loyal support. Please make a date in your 2018 diary for the next show which will be on Saturday, March 10th with the ebullient Chris Powell and his lively programme of popular music.

The shows are held at the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer, EX12 3JQ, starting at 2.00pm ending approx. 4.30pm. Admission is £7.00 on the door, children free, and includes interval refreshments. For further information phone 01297 24892 or visit www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk.

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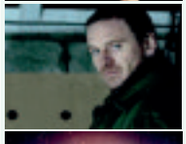

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# Teddy Thompson to play at the Marine Theatre

SON OF legendary folk musicians Linda and Richard Thompson, Teddy is an acclaimed singer-songwriter with a career that has consistently attracted critical praise. His music is part folk and part pop. The New York Times calls his work "beautifully finessed." Teddy released his first, self titled album in 2000.

In 2002, Thompson played a key role in drawing his mother out of a 17-year musical retirement to record her landmark disc Fashionably Late, which he played on and co-produced.

In 2008, Thompson released the upbeat and highly acclaimed, A Piece of What You Need, which was declared "one of this year's best" by The Guardian and debuted at #9 in the UK's pop charts. A fifth album, Bella, was released February 2011 to much acclaim and led to touring the world with Elton John among other things.

In 2014 Thompson gathered his musical clan to release Family, one of the folk records of the year which garnered a multi page, in depth piece from The New York Times.

This is an unusual opportunity to hear Teddy Thompson perform in a small venue.

Teddy Thompson plays at the Marine Theatre on Wednesday, January 31st at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 in advance, or £17 on the door. Advance tickets are available by calling 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

■ Teddy Thompson

Advertiser's announcement

## Clock Tower to close in the New Year for refurbishment

THE Clock Tower Café & Restaurant in Sidmouth is to close at 12noon on New Year's Eve, having served breakfast, and wont re-open until the refurbishment of the shop has been completed.

We are aiming to open as a restaurant in the evenings, alongside our very busy and successful café, on Thursday, February 1st 2018.

We aim to be a smart bistro serving locally sourced and seasonal food, lovingly and freshly prepared by our new head chef.

The café will continue to serve breakfast, lunch and the famous selection of cakes during the day.

Watch this space for more information in January.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE IN DECEMBER

*with Abigail Willis*

THERE'S much to enjoy at Ilminster Arts Centre this December, from seasonal gift shopping to world-class music.

'Christmas Collection', our sumptuous showcase of craft by selected West Country makers, returns on 27 November. This annual exhibition is a great place to track down distinctive Christmas gifts, from unique jewellery and textiles, to beautifully finished wooden desk accessories, pretty but practical ceramics, adorable children's clothing, stylish soft furnishings, quirky wall art and much more. In the Gallery until 22nd December.

Running concurrently in the Gallery Café, the South Somerset Embroiderers' Guild celebrates its 40th anniversary with an exhibition of ruby-themed stitch craft. Enjoy a leisurely lunch, or home-baked mince pie, in the Arts Centre's buzzy café while admiring the skillful needlework of guild members.

As the year turns from old to new, our music programme offers a vibrant aural antidote to the long dark nights. Enjoy lively mainstream jazz on Friday 8 December with Steve Graham's 7-piece outfit Classic Jazz, or rediscover Dickens in Alan Barnes' jazz reimagining of A Christmas Carol, on Friday 15th.

There's still time to create handcrafted Christmas presents of your own in our December workshops. On Friday 1 Nicky Clarke will be leading her very popular day long Creative Watercolours masterclass, exploring the creative possibilities of the medium, or why not turn your textile trash into treasure at our Rag Rugs workshops on Friday 8th. Geraldine Field's Felting workshop on Friday 15th is another great opportunity to get crafting; the workshop runs from 10am-3pm – ample time to finish a project such as a cosy winter scarf. Don't forget our untutored workshops – our Reader's Group will meet on Friday 8th, Stitch Knit and Crochet on Thursday 21st while Clay Sculpture runs on Mondays.

And if you like what you see at the Arts Centre, why not support us by volunteering with us? New volunteers are always welcome, and we have a variety of roles available – at concerts, in the café, craft shop and gallery, as well as admin roles in the office. Pop in for a chat if you're interested or pick up a new volunteers form from the front desk.

And as the year draws to a close we would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all our visitors, volunteers and staff who have supported Ilminster Arts Centre over the past year. You truly put the 'heart' into 'art'!

The Arts Centre will close for the Christmas break at 12noon on Saturday 23rd December and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January from 9.30am.

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# Diary Dates

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

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**SEATON:** Body Moves with Age UK Devon. Exercises for the over 50s at The Methodist Church 11.45 -12.45. All welcome. Call 03332 412340 or email info@ageukdevon.co.uk for more info.
**HORTON:** Horton Christmas Whist Drive at the Horton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
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### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

**AXMINSTER:** Chair Yoga-size. Bradshaw Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street (next to Heritage Centre) 10.30am-11.30am. For more details call 07976 312541.
**ROUSDON:** Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingos, held at Peek Hall Rousdon. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235.
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### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club members of the club will be entertained at the Baptist Church Hall at 7.30pm by a former WRNS Photographer Glynis Shaw who has recently been commissioned to put a book together (WRNS behind the lens) in celebration of Wren photographers for the centenary celebration of the WRNS.
**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi and Chi Kung classes, 10.30am-11.30am at Chardstock Community Centre, every Thursday. For more details call 07951 402717.
**ILMINSTER:** Ilminster Thursday Group weekly talks at the Warehouse Theatre TA19 9AD. A Masterpiece on your Mantlepiece. 9.15 for 10.15 Further details 01460 259596.
**FENITON:** Feniton History Group would like to invite you to join with Jim Wooley and Bob Neal from Ottery Heritage are coming to talk about Jim's book on WW1 in Ottery St Mary and surrounding villages in Feniton Church at 7.30pm. Admission £4 including tea /coffee.
**HONITON:** Hospiscare Christmas Lunch. 11.30-1.30pm. Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Main course £5.50, Pudding £2.50. Tea/coffee mince pies from 9.30am. No booking required.
**SEATON:** Knit and Natter with Age UK Devon 1.30pm – 3.30pm at number one (1 Harepath Road). Wheelchair access available.
**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. 10–11am. £3.50 (members £2.50)
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**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits, raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520or 862866.
**AXMINSTER:** A Chanting and Singing Circle. Yoga, Gospel, Folk, R&B – Try it! Friday eve's 7.30-9.00pm. Led by Lorrayn a professional singer. Please call 07779946444 or email welcome@lorrayndepeyer.com for details.
**CREWKERNE:** Members 10th Anniversary Tea Party. 2.30 – 4pm at the Henhayes Centre.

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND

**COLYFORD:** Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9a-2pm. Tables £5. For more details call 01297 23591, or call 07891 486839

# Dickens goes jazz!

Charles Dickens' much-loved Christmas classic gets an unusual musical makeover at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, December 15th, with Alan Barnes' jazz interpretation of 'A Christmas Carol'.

Readings from the original Dickens' tell the story, and after each scene the eight virtuoso musicians who comprise the Alan Barnes Octet bring the characters and scenes to life, switching audiences from hilarity to pathos with a skill that would have done credit to Dickens himself.

A gruff baritone sax plays Scrooge, his lost love Belle is a lyrical alto, Bob Cratchit is a cheery clarinet and Marley's ghost walks in the person of a swinging trombone. Just as Scrooge's ghosts take him on a tour of his life, so the movements of this suite seem each to have a benevolent presiding ghost, celebrating the spirit of jazz greats past and present.

An entertaining family night out for all – and a must for jazz fans!

The Alan Barnes Octet perform A Christmas Carol at the Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, December 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £25, available by calling 01460 54973 or online at the website at www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

Alan Barnes

# The sound of Christmas Belles

THE Ilminster Belles are delighted to be hosting their Christmas Concert with Serenade on Friday, December 1st at 7.30pm in the Minster Church, Ilminster.

The evening will consist of a variety of songs including Christmas tunes and the opportunity for the audience to join in with Christmas carols. There will be refreshments and a raffle on the evening.

Tickets are available from Harrimans in Ilminster or on the door. Priced at £5 per adult and £2 for a child. Money raised from the ticket sales will be divided between The Minster Church, Ilminster Belles and Serenade. The Ilminster Belles and Serenade will decide a charity to donate the money to.

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**AXMINSTER:** Christmas Fayre at Axminster Town Football Club. 10am-3pm.
**MISTERTON:** Christmas Fayre at Misterton WI Hall, 11am-2pm. Get your Christmas Gifts and stocking fillers for all the family. Plus Home Bake, Tombola and Raffle. Light lunches with home made fayre - soups, cakes, festive sandwiches, etc. As always, entry is free - raising funds for the upkeep of our W.I. Hall which is a valuable village asset. For more details call 01460 74808 or 73934.
**LUPPITT:** Christmas Fair at Luppitt Village Hall in aid of church funds.Open 11am-3pm. Refreshments, Soup, Pork Roast, Gifts, Cards, Competitions, Ornaments, Bowls of bulbs, Tombola, Bran Tub.
**MUSBURY:** Christmas Craft Fayre in Musbury Village Hall at 10am to 1pm. Entrance free. Varied selection of local craft stalls, cakes,tombola and raffle. Refreshments including bacon buttys. All profits to St Michaels Church Musbury. Enquiries 01297 552440/552711
**SEATON:** What's that bird? 11am to 1pm, Tower hide at Seaton Wetlands. Whatever your level of experience come and learn more about the birds found at Seaton Wetlands. A free event, no booking required. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk
**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Quiz & Supper Evening, 7pm prompt. All welcome; come in a team or join one on the night. Licensed bar; raffle; £9 includes hot supper, please book in advance on 01460 75380
**DONYATT:** Christmas Bazaar at the village hall, 2-4pm. Lots of stalls and refreshments, raffle, Name Me, and guess the Christmas cake weight. To rent a table (£6 for one table, £10 for two) call 01460 249734.
**YEOVIL:** Christmas Fayre at the Marion Hall, the Avenue. Doors 10.30am to 2.30pm. The St. Gildas School choir and Yetminster Irish dancers will be performing. Lots of Christmas gifts,flowers, decorations etc. Grand prize draw, cake, bric-a-brac, tombola, bottle stall, jewellery, nail art and lots more. Refreshments, light lunch and Indian meals available. All proceeds for The Church of Holy Ghost. Further information 01935 881563.
**MUSBURY:** Musbury Church are holding their very popular Annual Christmas Craft Fayre in the Village Hall from 10am until 1pm. All the tables have been sold and the event promises to provide a variety of crafts, presents for Christmas and other Fund Raising tables. The usual Bacon Butties will be on sale.
**SEATON:** Christmas Fayre at Seaton Town Hall. 10am to 1pm. Large selection of Christmas decorations and gifts, handmade gifts, cakes, raffle and refreshments. In aid of Seaton Hospital and Seaton Friends Hospiscare at Home Admission FREE. For more information or to have a stall please contact Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends' manager, Lycia Moore on 01297 20143 or SeatonLOF@nhs.net

### SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD

**ILMINSTER:** Heritage of the Ile Trust 2018 Calendars with photos of THEN & NOW of Ilminster and surrounding villages will be on sale at Dillington House during their two day Christmas Festive Event. Ideal Christmas Present ONLY £4 each.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD

**BROADCLYST:** 'Strictly on Sundays' at Broadclyst Victory Hall, 2.30pm-5pm. Free parking. Pay on the door £5 (includes tea/coffee and cakes).

### MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH

**MISTERTON:** Christmas Bingo at the village hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.
**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.
**SIDMOUTH:** Monday Club at The Kitchen, 11am. Ease yourself into the week with a seated tour of The Donkey Sanctuary, enjoying panoramic views from their stunning new restaurant, The Kitchen. Order a drink before sitting back and being entertained with stories of their worldwide work and the adventures of many of their donkeys in Sidmouth. There's no need to book, but kindly be seated by 11am in The Kitchen. For more details call 01395 578222
**YARCOMBE:** Yarcombe Bngo at Yarcombe Village Hall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.
**BEER:** Beer Film Society showing 'An Interlude in Prague'. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm. Members £4 and guests £5. A licensed bar, ice cream and a raffle available.
**SEATON:** Book and Brew with Friends of Seaton Library. 10.30am-11.30am at Seaton Library. Free tea/coffee, biscuits and chat. Everyone welcome.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

The small hall with the BIG reputation

# David Hall

FOLK • ROOTS • ACOUSTIC • JAZZ • BLUES • DANCE • THEATRE • FILM

NOVEMBER proved to be a very successful month for music at The David Hall - not just with regards to the quality of performances but also the large audience at each gig.

On Friday 3rd we welcomed back the highly accomplished and critically- acclaimed five-piece band, Jamie Smith's Mabon, for what was once again an exhilarating night of Celtic Roots music. This performance by such outstanding musicians left everyone breathless and begging for more. They are already booked for a return early in 2019!

On Saturday 11th, singer/songwriter Martyn Joseph returned for his fourth visit. Once again a near capacity crowd was left spellbound by Martyn's voice, jaw-dropping guitar playing and expressive and thought-provoking lyrics. He is one of the most charismatic and deep-thinking performers in Britain today. Another artist who will be back!

■ Gigspanner

Gigspanner, which is one of the most innovative bands around, performed for us on Friday 17th November. This trio, which was formed by Steeleye Span's long-term fiddle player Peter Knight in 2013, is totally unique, featuring fiddle, guitar and percussion. A large audience loved every minute of their performance, which shows why this band is now one of the most sought-after units on the Folk circuit.

Finally, on Saturday 25th, another near-capacity crowd was mesmerised by the Bristol-based band, The Moscow Drug Club. This quintet recreates the style of 1930's Berlin cabaret and are like no other band I have ever seen. Featuring guitar, stand-up bass, accordion, trumpet and stunning female vocals, you begin to see why these 'top class' musicians are loved by all. Another band certain to return!

As Christmas approaches, there are certain things at The David Hall that change - and some that do not. One that has remained the same since 2005 is the Christmas performances of St Agnes Fountain. This wonderful quartet gives a mixture of humour and heartfelt renditions to everyone's favourite Christmas songs and carols. As is always the case, their performances on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December have already sold out. However, they have already been booked for two nights next year, so book early to avoid disappointment!

However, we start the month on Saturday 2nd with one of our 'Chance to Dance' specials. Visiting us for the first time is the London-based band, Tankus the Henge – who, since 2013, have played over 1,000 gigs all over the world. They combine wild showmanship and musical dexterity and their sound incorporates Rock, Funk, Blues, Ska, Roots and Gypsy Rhythms while their songs tell stories of wonder and woe. This will be a really special night and at the time of going to print there are very few tickets left.

Another group returning to The Hall is The Dylan Project, who will be with us on Saturday 16th. Take four of Britain's most talented Folk/Rock musicians and a unique singer, add the repertoire of a genius and you've got the recipe for a dream performance. The musicians in question are PJ Wright (electric and slide guitars), Gerry Conway (drums), Phil Bond (keys), Dave Pegg (bass), fronted by the wonderful Steve Gibbons. This is another chance for you to see this legendary band perform in our 'special space.'

Not to be missed!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope to see you in 2018 for what will be another year of top quality music, films, drama and much more at The David Hall.

*Pete Wheeler, Petherton Arts Trust*

## Also in December

**On Friday 1st December there will be a David Hall Quiz Night – A Support The David Hall Event. Enjoy a ploughman's supper and raise money for The David Hall at the same time. Tickets: £6 incl. supper. Advance booking only by Wednesday 29 November. Maximum of four per team.**

**On Friday 8th, Petherton Picture Show presents: Whisky Galore. A remake of the classic Ealing comedy. Stars Ellie Kendrick, James Como and Eddie Izzard.**

**Acoustic Night will be on Saturday 9th December, from 7.30pm - 11pm. All styles and forms of performance welcome – not just music. If you wish to perform please drop us an email at folk@chriswatts.org to secure a slot.**

**Last but not least - The David Hall's annual New Year's Eve Celebration Ceilidh will be on Sunday 31st December at 8.15pm, featuring Jigs for Gigs with caller Ian Ludbrook. Tickets: £17 includes a light supper. Booking essential by Friday 15 December.**

**Tickets can be booked and paid for via the website www.thedavidhall.org.uk They can also be reserved by calling 01460 240 340 or by e-mailing boxoffice@thedavidhall.org.uk**

# Show of Hands to play two nights in Exmouth

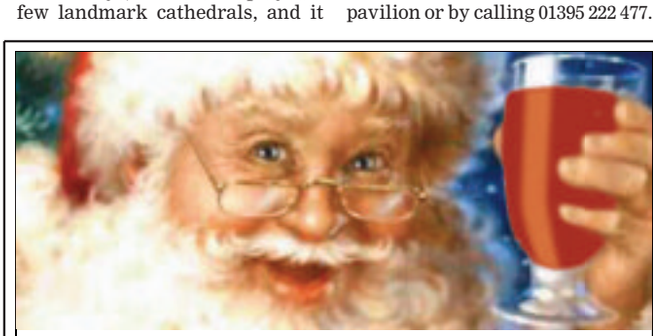
THERE can't be many venues across the UK and beyond that British folk ambassadors Show of Hands have not already conquered with their inimitable delivery of sensational folk, roots and acoustic music. But 2017 sees them bring that magic to the most sacred of spaces – England's finest cathedrals.

During October and November, Steve Knightley and Phil Beer travel the length and breadth of England to fill our most ancient and iconic buildings with the sound of the people. Joined by Miranda Sykes, the award-winning trio blend the sharpest songwriting with unrivalled musicianship – an enduring recipe that never fails to captivate. Having sold out the Royal Albert Hall five times over, the formidable Show of Hands continue to dominate the UK folk scene, and now it's time for something a little different.

Steve says, "In 2010 we played a few landmark cathedrals, and it just... worked. There's something about the ambience, sanctity and rich history of a cathedral that lends itself perfectly to what we do. It's going to be a really special tour. We'll be bringing out some of the classics of course, but we're also excited to be able to showcase brand-new material in truly unique settings."

It's well-known that Steve and Phil are passionate about supporting emerging talent and have a knack for spotting a future star. So, in keeping with that tradition, special guest Kirsty Merryn joins the tour – a singer/songwriter who delights audiences with her dramatic yet introspective individual sound.

Show of Hands play live at Exmouth Pavilion on Thursday, November 30th and Friday, December 1st. Tickets are £24, available online at www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion or by calling 01395 222 477.

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# Peace on Earth?

ONE of the best known Christmas scenes in the Bible is of God's angel appearing to the shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem and bringing news of the birth of God's own son – "Good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people", said the angel. Then, suddenly, a sensational sight - "A multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace". (Luke 2)

But the global scene today is not peaceful. In fact any prospect of it becoming so seems to be disappearing fast. What hope is there that the angel's message of 52 generations ago will really happen?

Again, we must turn to the Bible to learn that God's purpose with the earth is still alive. Even the turmoil and fear which we see in the world are, themselves, signs that God's planned intervention will come before man destroys himself. What intervention? Jesus himself tells what to pray for.

"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...." (Matthew 6:9)

When this prayer is answered the earth will be at peace - for ever.

# The Bible

## Still the book for today

"Glory in the highest and on earth – peace"

(Luke 2:14)

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**MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH**

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**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH**

**UPLYME:** Lyme Ladies Quilt Group meeting at Uplyme Village Hall, 1st Wednesday of each month, 1.30-4.30pm. Annual membership fee £10 (visitors welcome). If you think you would like to come along and join us, you are more than welcome. We also enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee, and a biscuit or two, plus the inevitable chat. Call 01297 445747 or 01460 394429 if you would like more information.

**ROUSDON:** Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingos, held at Peek Hall Rousdon. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!

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**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837.

**KILMINGTON:** Film: 'The Time of Their Lives' (cert 12a) at the village hall. Doors 6.45pm, film 7.15pm. Tickets £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. For more details call 01297 32335.

**AXMINSTER:** Archaeological Finds from Devon Shipwrecks: Objects and remains from wrecks tell us much about the lives of travelers on board. Commercial archaeologist Charlotte Coles tells us more in this fascinating illustrated talk. Axminster Historical Society 7:30 The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, EX13 5AH All Welcome.

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**THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH**

**WOOTTON FITZPAINE:** Artsreach will be bringing 'Brilliance' by Farnham Maltings at the village hall. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm. Bar and raffle, proceeds to the hall. Tickets (available from October) £9 (Under 18s £7) from the self service box office at The Charmouth Practice. Tel 01297 560948 for information.

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi and Chi Kung classes, 10.30am-11.30am at Chardstock Community Centre, every Thursday. For more details call 07951 402717.

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club meeting in The Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street at 7.30pm to select their images for the WCPF DPIC competition.

**NORTH PERROTT:** Paddy Ashdown will give a talk on his latest critically acclaimed book: 'A Game of Spies - the Secret Agent, the Traitor and the Nazi'. at The Hoskyns Memorial hall, 6pm. Tickets £12, 13-18yrs £6, 12 and under free. Tickets include a light supper and a glass of wine or juice. For more details call 01460 72883 or 76457. Signed copies of the book will be on sale.

**TATWORTH:** Tatworth Flower Club are holding a Christmas flower arranging demonstration entitled I'm in the mood for Christmas by NAFAS area demonstrator Julia Harrison, at Tatworth Memorial Hall, South Chard TA20 2QW. Doors open 1.30 for 2pm. Visitors welcome £5 a head. Refreshments available.

**BLACKDOWN:** Blackdown Whist Drive at the Blackdown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**SEATON:** Knit and Natter with Age UK Devon 1.30pm – 3.30pm at number one (1 Harepath Road). Wheelchair access available.

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. 10–11am. £3.50 (members £2.50)

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.30am to 11.45am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members.

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**FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits, raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520or 862866.

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**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club Christmas dinner at the Haymakers Inn Wadeford, 7pm for 7.30pm.

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**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. This will be a special Christmas lunch, priced at £5.50 to include main course roast with trimmings, roll & butter, choice of puddings, mince pies, unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH**

**SIDMOUTH:** Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'Christmas Party Night' (festive wear please), at Stowford Centre (A3052). 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Ottery St Mary Community Market at The Institute, Yonder Street, 9.30am-12.30pm. Free admission. Fun & Live Music with Martha and Friends. Lots of Christmas crafts and produce created and grown by local people. Meet, chat and enjoy some refreshments.

**SEATON:** Seaton Royal British Legion table top sale at the Methodist Church Hall. Set up 8.15am, doors open 9.15am, finish 1pm. Tea/coffee, ample free parking. Donation entry, in aid of the Poppy Appeal. For more detaisl call 01297 624313.

**HAWKCHURCH:** Christmas Fayre, 2pm - 5pm at Hawkchurch Village Hall. Adults £1, Children free. Stalls selling Christmas goodies, gifts, cards and decorations, games, raffle and refreshments. All welcome. The hall postcode is EX13 5XD. For queries please contact Ruth 01297 678354

**AXMINSTER:** Make a Christmas Wreath: An Axminster Heritage Craft day with Jan Diamond. £16 includes materials Limited places so please book: 01404 831207 10am – 1pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, EX13 5AH

# Choir sings for charity

THE Axe Valley Community Choir have been very busy preparing a new repertoire for their charity concert on December 9th at The Minster, Axminster and for the 2018 season. Having had a very successful 2016/2017, in which they performed nine charitable concerts, they are delighted to have raised significant sums of money.

The choir also donates annually to charities of their choice and last year they were pleased to donate £500 to Seaton Friends of Hospicare at Home (cheque presentation pictured) and £500 to Dementia UK. The choir is currently in the process of choosing a charity or charities to donate to this year.

While all concerts are a joy for the choir, it is wonderful when a member of the audience writes a piece such as the following: Approximately 55 members of the choir performed a wonderful collection of songs. The programme of music was truly remarkable with a mixture of evocative ballads, West End Show music and up-tempo, foot-tapping popular numbers. The choir was led by their inspirational music director and accompanist, Edward Jacobs. The evening ended with an absolutely spine-tingling, beautiful arrangement of The Wind Beneath My Wings, and was followed by two encores and a standing ovation from the delighted audience. This was a truly enjoyable musical evening performed to a very high standard.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at £8, with a glass of wine, at the door or from the Archway Bookshop Axminster.

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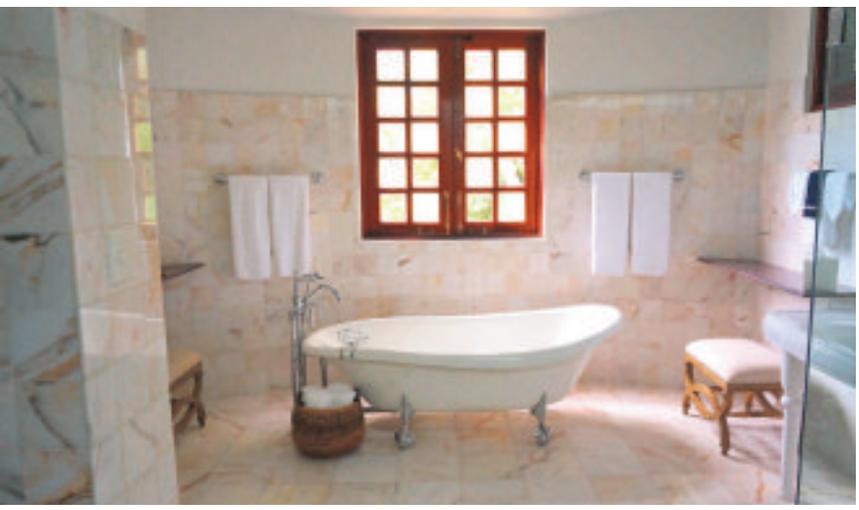
According to a survey by peer-to-peer platform Zopa, the most sure fire ways of boosting the resale price of your house is by adding a conservatory. With a potential (and rather staggering) 108% return on investment, the maths certainly adds up. Failing that, work on the garden- coming in at an average cost of £4,500- might also be tempting, with an 88% return.

Of course there's more money to be gleaned from larger projects- an extension, for example, can offer a 71% return on investment, with the average profit from a £20,000 outlay coming in at £14,000. Of course we're not all privileged enough to take such bold, not to mention expensive steps, so what can be done when you're not in a position, or an address, where these are possible?

Spending money on your roof, floors and carpets are all great ideas, but these are more practical, and may not deliver the kind of wow factor that gets sellers noticed against their peers. As such we'd recommend looking to change and modernise entire rooms, making it impossible for prospective buyers to overlook the work and effort that has gone into preparing the property for those viewings.

Considering renovating or updating the kitchen is a popular choice, and again the numbers speak for themselves. With an average price of £9,600, it's not always the cheapest route, but the median profit resulting from this investment currently sits at Â£4,750- just under 50% return for those willing and able to splash out. Hardly a figure to be sniffed at when you consider the UK's famously competitive property market.

The bathroom is another great area of the home to look at. Coming in far cheaper than a new kitchen, you can expect to fork out around £5,000, and whilst the return is therefore smaller- £2,350- the margin is almost as high, at 48%. In both instances, it's important to go for good quality fixtures and fittings, avoiding current trends as there's a significant chance you'll wind up with something destined to look dated in the long run. The best course of action being to think clean lines, minimal detailing, and a plain, fresh colour scheme that everyone can live with.



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Indeed, pensioners can be the worst hit as inflation rises because their pension is often a 'fixed income', meaning that as prices go up their assets erode.

However, households at almost 30 cities and towns across the UK are earning on average £1,000 a year when listing their empty driveways on online parking portal YourParkingSpace.co.uk to people looking for parking spaces.

And with almost 13 million people in the UK at state pension age or older, then that's a lot of empty driveways that could be earning a tidy sum for their owners.

Harrison Woods, managing director at YourParkingSpace.co.uk, said: "A lot of pensioners are feeling the squeeze with inflation currently at 3 per cent. For many, matters are made worse with the ultra-low interest rates meaning little return on any savings they might have.

"Yet it's not all financial doom-and-gloom as empty driveways in desirable locations, such as near train stations, shopping centres, music and sports venues, are proving to be a magic money tree for many."

Indeed, research from YourParkingSpace.co.uk shows that even residents in Bolton, which is placed 50th in its driveway earning league table, are making £816 per year on average just by renting out an empty space.

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# INFINITI unveils all-new QX50 ahead of LA Auto Show

AHEAD of the full unveiling of the new QX50 at the Los Angeles Auto Show next week we provide a first look at the mid-size SUV with its revolutionary technologies and stand-out design, built on an entirely new platform.

The QX50 is the first production vehicle ever to feature an engine with variable compression: INFINITI's new VC-Turbo petrol engine. This technology is seen as the next major step in optimising efficiency and emissions of the internal combustion engine, literally transforming between power and efficiency on demand.

The all-new platform has a front engine / front wheel drive configuration with an all-wheel drive option. Designed to set a new level of refinement, rigidity and interior space in the compact premium SUV segment.

In terms of design, the QX50's SUV aerodynamic exterior reinterprets INFINITI's distinctive design language of Powerful Elegance whilst continuing with its now familiar signature design cues. The artistic application of high quality materials, and advanced craftsmanship make the cabin as welcoming and comfortable as it is flexible.

The vehicle also incorporates INFINITI's pioneering ProPilot autonomous drive support technologies to assist the driver when accelerating, braking and steering during single-lane carriageway driving, whilst still allowing them to retain ultimate control over the car.

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# Driving and your eyesight: Staying safe on the road

IF YOU drive, it goes without saying that you know you need your eyes on the road at all times. What you might not know is that DVLA has minimum eyesight standards that all drivers need to demonstrate so they can be allowed to drive.

So how do we decide on the vision standards for driving? DVLA's Vision Panel Secretary Dr Gareth Rees tells us more about his role and these standards.

I've been a doctor for 41 years and have been DVLA's Vision Panel Secretary for 10 years. My main role is to liaise between DVLA and the Honorary Medical Advisory Panel on Visual Disorders. The panel meets every 6 months and is made up of eyesight specialists, who provide DVLA with expert advice on how to apply and interpret the law when assessing fitness to drive.

**Think your eyesight's getting worse? Act now**

We all have busy lives, and sometimes we might overlook the signs that our eyes are not as good as they were. You might be finding it harder to judge distances, you might be struggling to read the newspapers, or it's getting more difficult for you to drive at night. These are just a few signs that your eyesight may be deteriorating.

In line with advice from optometrists, our advice is that you should get your eyes tested at least every 2 years. But if you recognise any of the signs above, don't wait – go and get checked out straight away with your optician or doctor. If they advise you to tell DVLA about your eyesight, you can do this online or by writing to us.

If you don't meet the eyesight standards, stop driving immediately and tell DVLA.

**After you tell us about your condition**

Don't worry – usually, most people who tell us they've got a medical conditionare still allowed to drive.

If you have a 'progressive' (worsening) condition but can still meet the eyesight standards for driving, you may get a short-term licence rather than a full-term one. This type of licence lasts for 1, 2, 3 or 5 years and when it's due for renewal, we let you know.

**It's better to be safe than sorry. So if you're in doubt, get it checked out.**

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# New Ford Transit Custom – enhanced style, productivity and technology for Britain's best-selling van

FORD'S new Transit Custom delivers a bold new design, an all-new interior and enhanced productivity to European businesses.

The new Transit Custom builds on the success of the outgoing model, which became the top-selling van in its segment in 2015 and contributed towards a record sales year in 2016 in the UK, and continues to lead the market this year with 86,400 sold September year-to-date. Available to order across Europe in December, new Transit Custom is scheduled for customer delivery from early 2018.

Powered by Ford's EcoBlue 2.0-litre diesel engine, Transit Custom has been re-engineered to offer significant new features and capabilities including a new ECOnetic van variant delivering improved fuel efficiency and 148g/km CO2 emissions.

Sporting a bold new front-end design with three-bar Transit grille, Ford's one-tonne van provides drivers with the ideal mobile office environment, featuring a completely new cabin that offers best-in-class stowage, improved comfort and ergonomics, and easy connectivity with SYNC 3 or MyFord Dock options. Further technologies introduced to commercial vehicles for the first time include Intelligent Speed Assist.

"Transit Custom has been a runaway success since it was introduced, and this new version raises the game once more," said Hans Schep, general manager, Commercial Vehicles, Ford of Europe. "We have listened carefully to our customers, and delivered a one-tonne van that is even more stylish, even more productive, and packed with smart features."

The new generation Transit Custom sets the scene for Ford's next major commercial vehicle innovation, with the introduction of the zero-emission capable Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV) derivative scheduled to begin volume production in 2019.

The Transit Custom PHEV utilises an advanced hybrid system that targets a zero-emission range exceeding 30 miles, and features the multi-award-winning Ford EcoBoost 1.0-litre petrol engine as a range extender. The hybrid electric van will begin trials with fleet customers in London from December this year.

Introduced in late 2012, Transit Custom was the first of Ford's expanded all-new Transit line-up to go on sale – later joined by the Transit Courier, Transit Connect and Transit models – and was a key driver in Ford becoming Europe's No. 1 commercial vehicle brand in 2015, a leading position it has held ever since. Transit has also been the best-selling commercial vehicle in Britain since it was introduced in 1965.

### Ford EcoBlue engine and new ECOnetic variant

The new Transit Custom is powered by the state-of-the-art Ford EcoBlue diesel engine that was introduced to the range during 2016. With a choice of 105PS, 130PS and 170PS power ratings, the advanced new engine delivers significant cost of ownership and performance benefits compared to the previous 2.2-litre diesel, with fuel-efficiency improved by up to 13 per cent and low-end torque enhanced by 20 per cent.

The updated model also offers a new ECOnetic variant that delivers 148g/km CO2 emissions and return a combined 49.6mpg, a further 6 per cent improvement over the most efficient current vehicle.

Available for the 300 Series short wheelbase van, the ECOnetic variant features the 105 PS engine with a unique calibration and Auto-Stop-Start, low rolling resistance tyres, Ford's innovative Acceleration Control feature, and a fixed 62mph speed limiter.

The new Transit Custom continues to offer commercial vehicle operators the same outstanding breadth of capabilities from a vehicle line-up that includes two roof heights, two wheelbase options, a gross vehicle mass range from 2.6 tonnes to 3.4 tonnes offering payloads up to 1450kg, and bodystyles including van, kombi and double-cab-in-van.

The new model maintains the Transit reputation for delivering class-leading load-carrying ability, with innovative loadspace features such as the load-through hatch in the bulkhead for extra-long items, and the integrated roof rack that can be folded away when not in use.

■ New Ford Transit Custom

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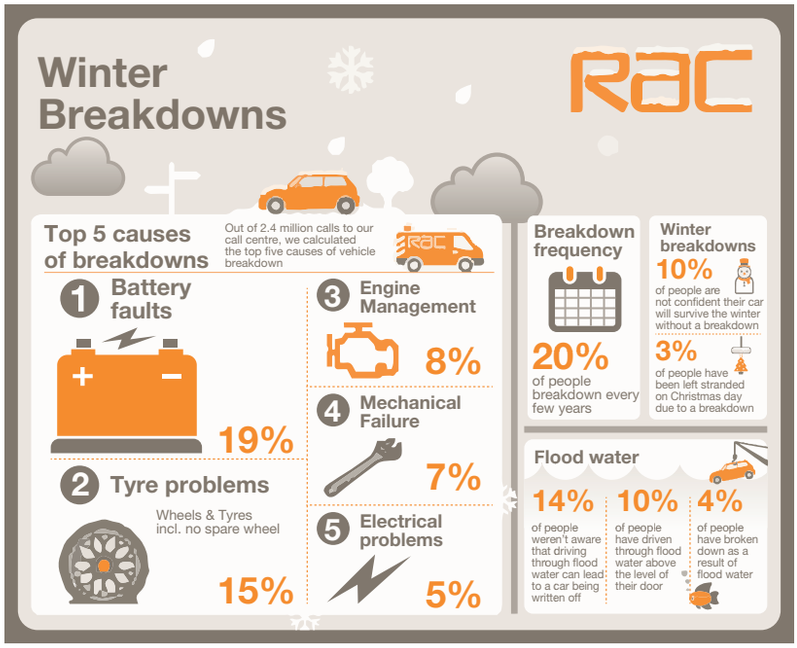

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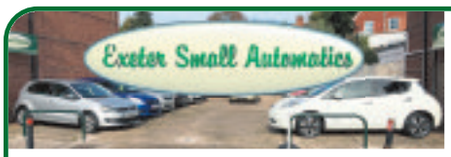


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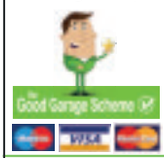

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# Sport - East Devon round-up

*with Howard Larcombe*
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## current tables

| SW Penin D1E | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Newton Abbot Sp | 15 | 17 | 33 |
| Crediton Utd | 16 | 13 | 32 |
| Bovey Tracey | 13 | 8 | 30 |
| Exeter University | 17 | 10 | 28 |
| St Martins | 15 | 3 | 28 |
| Budleigh Saltertn | 15 | 25 | 24 |
| Teignmouth | 13 | 9 | 23 |
| AXMINSTER | 17 | -4 | 21 |
| Torridgeside | 11 | 12 | 20 |
| Sidmouth Town | 18 | -5 | 20 |
| Ilfracombe | 13 | -3 | 18 |
| Brixham AFC | 14 | -3 | 17 |
| HONITON TOWN | 16 | -12 | 13 |
| Galmpton & Rose' | 14 | -14 | 12 |
| Appledore | 13 | -19 | 12 |
| Alphington | 15 | -20 | 11 |
| Liverton Utd | 14 | -17 | 8 |

| D&E Prem (30) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Elmore | 10 | 43 | 30 |
| Newtown | 14 | 39 | 29 |
| Cronies | 10 | 36 | 23 |
| Witheridge Res | 11 | 10 | 19 |
| Exwick Villa | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| Exmouth Tn Res | 10 | 5 | 18 |
| Upottery | 11 | -1 | 18 |
| Beer Albion | 13 | -5 | 17 |
| Okehampton Arg | 8 | 5 | 16 |
| Newton St Cyres | 11 | -9 | 14 |
| Clyst Valley | 14 | -28 | 11 |
| Heavitree Utd | 10 | -1 | 9 |
| Feniton | 12 | -17 | 9 |
| Topsham Town | 10 | -27 | 6 |
| Seaton Town | 10 | -27 | 5 |
| Hatherleigh Town | 10 | -31 | 3 |

| D&E Div 1 (24) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Exeter Univ Res | 10 | 14 | 22 |
| Lyme Regis | 11 | 6 | 20 |
| Colyton | 7 | 22 | 19 |
| Cullompton Res | 10 | 15 | 17 |
| Lapford | 9 | 9 | 16 |
| Sidmouth Res | 7 | 7 | 13 |
| Chagford | 10 | 1 | 13 |
| Heavitree Res | 8 | -7 | 11 |
| Perry Street | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| Bickleigh | 8 | -8 | 9 |
| Chard Town Res | 8 | -16 | 9 |
| Wellington Res | 10 | -27 | 3 |
| Alphington Res | 10 | -27 | 3 |

| D&E Div 2 (28) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bampton | 10 | 28 | 24 |
| Exeter Univ 3rds | 11 | 7 | 21 |
| Woodbury | 11 | 6 | 20 |
| Bow AAC | 11 | 5 | 19 |
| Newtown Res | 13 | -7 | 18 |
| Uplowman Ath | 11 | 10 | 16 |
| Kentisbeare | 8 | 3 | 13 |
| Dawlish FC | 8 | -1 | 13 |
| Honiton Town Res | 10 | 1 | 12 |
| Thorverton | 8 | 1 | 12 |
| Axmouth Utd | 7 | 1 | 12 |
| Axminster Res | 13 | -10 | 10 |
| East Budleigh | 11 | -13 | 9 |
| Halwill | 8 | -8 | 5 |
| Newton Poppleford | 8 | -23 | 0 |

| D&E Div 3 (26) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Priory | 14 | 20 | 30 |
| Crediton Utd Res | 10 | 41 | 25 |
| Exeter Univ 4ths | 9 | 21 | 24 |
| Tipton St John | 9 | 7 | 19 |
| Royal Oak | 9 | 12 | 16 |
| Sandford | 11 | -1 | 16 |
| Budleigh Salt Res | 14 | -27 | 15 |
| Otterton | 10 | 0 | 14 |
| Countess Wear | 13 | -8 | 13 |
| Ottery St Mary | 9 | -7 | 10 |
| Lympstone | 10 | -10 | 10 |
| Tedburn St Mary | 10 | -15 | 10 |
| Pinhoe | 11 | -21 | 7 |
| Clyst Valley Res | 7 | -12 | 2 |

| D&E Div 4 (24) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| North Tawton | 11 | 37 | 28 |
| Winchester | 11 | 15 | 28 |
| Exeter Univ 5ths | 10 | 35 | 24 |
| Whipton & Pinhoe | 7 | 38 | 21 |
| Newton SC Res | 9 | 1 | 15 |
| Alphington 3rds | 11 | -4 | 15 |
| Feniton Res | 13 | -20 | 14 |
| Beer Albion Res | 9 | 13 | 13 |
| Starcross Gen | 11 | -36 | 9 |
| Winkleigh | 11 | -23 | 8* |
| Sampford Pev | 10 | -30 | 7 |
| Teignmouth Res | 10 | -14 | 5* |
| St Martins Res | 7 | -12 | 3 |

| D&E Div 5 (26) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lyme Regis Res | 10 | 14 | 22 |
| Black Swan Town | 8 | 28 | 19 |
| Halwill Res | 9 | 4 | 19 |
| Millwey Rise | 8 | 18 | 16 |
| Elmore Res | 5 | 18 | 15 |
| Culm Utd | 11 | 9 | 15 |
| Hemyock | 10 | 7 | 15 |
| Central FC | 8 | 14 | 14 |
| Ilminster Res | 12 | -3 | 13* |
| Exwick Village | 7 | -1 | 10 |
| Westexe Park | 9 | -11 | 7 |
| Awliscombe | 9 | -14 | 7 |
| Dunkeswell Rov | 8 | -24 | 6 |
| Offwell Rangers | 10 | -59 | -1* |

**football** around the east Devon clubs

# Tigers stage rousing fightback

## Hippos sunk by Alphas ♦ Colyton hit seven ♦ League chairman stands down

**Saturday, November 25th**
**SW Peninsula League (D1E)**
**Ilfracombe 3**
**Axminster Town 4**

A STUNNING fightback at Marlborough Park on Saturday extended Axminster Town's unbeaten run to three matches and lifted them back up into the top eight of the South West Peninsula League table.

Things started badly for the Tigers as right back Craig Every nodded the ball into his own net. And they were breached again in the 10th minute when Cassian Blackmore netted from six yards.

The visitors halved their deficit on the half hour through Gary Spiller before player-manager Jon Hurford shuffled his pack at the interval bringing on Jamie Barfoot and Tony Pinder.

Initially, the hosts remained on course for the three points with Brady Sanders making it 3-1 from a set-piece in the 50th minute.

However, Ax weren't finished and the fightback began when Barfoot got on the scoresheet with 20 minutes remaining.

Nathan Warren then squared things up with his first goal of the season 10 minutes from time which set the stage perfectly for the highlight of the match – a magnificent 25-yard strike from Sam Dibling into the top corner which took his tally for the season into double figures and clinched the win for the Tigers.

A delighted Hurford told ***View Sport***: "After a sloppy start it was a great achievement to come back from two goals behind and win, most teams would have folded but our spirit and determination saw us through.

"Jamie and Tony couldn't make it in time for kick off but as soon as they came on it injected us with more pace and energy.

Next up for Ax is Saturday's visit by bottom of the table LIVERTON UTD (3pm ko).

***Axminster**: Brett Garner, Craig Every, George Chlopecki, Shaun Wells-Burr, Charley Skilton, Gary Spiller, Darren Hutchings, Nathan Warren, Joe Urquart, Sam Dibling, Mike Knight. Subs; Jamie Barfoot, Tony Pinder, Jon Hurford, Dan Beer.*

**Alphington 5 Honiton Town 3**

HONITON Town gave themselves a mountain to climb when they found themselves 3-0 down with only 23 minutes on the clock.

Lewis Couch got the Hippos up and running in the 35th minute and they were right back in the game when Ben Ede made no mistake from the penalty spot three minutes later.

Amazingly the scores were tied at 3-3 with 15 minutes to go when Blake Freemantle popped up with a 25 yard scorcher.

But the hosts rallied and two late goals saw off the Hippos' challenge.

Honiton, now turn their attention to the Throgmorton Devon Premier Cup and Saturday's visit by Plymstock United *(1.30pm ko)*.

**Beer Albion**
*(Premier and Div Four)*

IT was a case of Black Saturday for Beer Albion Football Club as both their sides suffered defeats in the Macron Devon & Exeter League *writes Richard Honnor*.

In the Premier, Beer were beaten 5-2 by Witheridge Reserves. The Fishermen went a goal behind after 10 minutes but equalised shortly afterwards when Chris Long capitalised on an under-hit backpass.

Beer then conceded again just before half time and were always chasing the game.

They were caught on the break twice to go 4-1 behind before Simon Smith reduced the arrears towards the end but Withy restored their three-goal cushion to run out comfortable winners.

In Division Four, Beer Reserves suffered a shock 1-0 home defeat against St Martins Reserves *writes Mike Adkin*.

St Martins scored the decisive goal in the 15th minute through Ben Robinson.

Towards the end of the first half Taylor Rooke shot just wide and Jay Catley hit the crossbar with a long range effort.

The Fishermen were handed a lifeline in the 80th minute when Ed Karejev was brought down in the penalty area, only to dust himself down and blaze the resulting spot kick over the bar.

Match sponsor *Chapple-Family, Beer Beach* picked defender Steve Howe as the best Beer player.

Next up for the Beer Reserves is a trip to Teignmouth Reserves, with the Fishermen's 1sts hosting Newtown where the match sponsor will be *Bay View Guest House*.

**Millwey Rise 5 Halwill Res 2**
*Division Five*

THIS game didn't take long to burst into life *writes Dick Sturch*.

In the third minute Nathan Womersley latched onto a pass, outpaced his marking defender and laid the ball across goal for Shane Featherstone to force it home.

Halwill then rattled keeper Jack Bennett's crossbar with a shot in the 15th minute.

Millwey increased their lead in the 20th minute through Womersley and a few minutes later Tyler Warren bent a free kick into the net for the third goal.

Warren then provided the cross from which Featherstone headed Millwey into a 4-0 half time lead.

In the second half Halwill had a goal ruled offside before Oliver Richards and Mark Potter pulled two goals back, but Millwey eventually put the game to bed when Womersley netted after being put through by Featherstone.

Defender Nicky Land took the Millwey MOM mantle.

**Honiton Town 3rds 3**
**Okehampton 9**
*Division Eight*

HONITON Town thirds were thumped by a strong Okehampton side who had the benefit of no first team game.

Town took the lead on four minutes with a superb Karl Allen goal, but found themselves 4-1 down in 20 minutes and 8-1 on the hour.

*Millstream Taxis* Man of the Match Lewis Ede grabbed two great goals late on before the visitors got their ninth.

**Round -up** *by Collin Goodwin & Howard Larcombe*

FOLLOWING nine successive Premier Division defeats Hatherleigh Town are finally off the mark. The North Devon club came good 2-0 at home to fellow stragglers, Topsham Town.

Cronies went through the 500 League goals barrier in just their fifth season as they thumped Exwick Villa 7-2.

Heavitree United registered their first win under new manager Dan Jones with a 4-1 success at Seaton Town who also have a new management team in Josh French and Dave Perham following Brendon Willey's resignation while Upottery won 5-1 at Newton St Cyres.

Cullompton Rangers produced the eye-watering result of the day in Division One, sweeping aside Lapford 8-1.

Leaders Exeter University were held 2-2 by Perry Street and only a late Ben Turner header at Davey Fort earned Lyme Regis a 2-1 win against bottom-of-the-table Alphington. Skipper Dom Rowe had earlier put the Seasiders in front before Joe Boyne equalised before half time.

Colyton beat Bickleigh 7-1 with Will Richards helping himself to a hat-trick, and there were also goals for Jake Richards, Callum Somers, Nathan Maddocks and Mark Hancock.

Bampton remain top of Division Two after winning 3-1 at Axminster Town where Adam Cowling netted the late Tigers consolation.

Whipton & Pinhoe preserved their 100 per cent record in Division Four with a 12-1 thumping of Sampford Peverell.

Black Swan Town also racked up double figures in Division Five as they destroyed Dunkeswell 10-0, and Elmore have still to concede a League goal this season, although they could only manage a 1-0 win at home to Lyme Regis.

The Division Six match between Upottery and Silverton had to be abandoned after 76 minutes, with the home side leading 5-3, because of an injury to a Silverton player.

Finally, goals from Charlie Cross and James Sweeney couldn't save Axmouth Utd as they crashed out of teh Bill Slee cup beaten 5-2 at home by Winchester.

**Chairman stands down**

THE Macron Devon & Exeter League were rocked in the week when chairman Roger Spray tendered his resignation.

Mr Spray, who took over the reigns in 1994, will continue in the role of treasurer for the time being. Roland Brown has taken over as acting chairman.

**RESULTS**
Saturday, November 25th
PREMIER
Cronies 7 Exwick Villa 2
Feniton 2 Newtown 5
Hatherleigh Town 2 Topsham Town 0
Newton St Cyres 1 Upottery 5
Seaton Town 1 Heavitree United 4
Witheridge 5 Beer Albion 2
DIVISION 1
Colyton 7 Bickleigh 1
Cullompton Rangers 8 Lapford 1
Lyme Regis 2 Alphington 1
Perry Street 2 University 2
Sidmouth Town 8 Wellington Town 3
DIVISION 2
Axminster Town 1 Bampton 3
East Budleigh 3 Dawlish 3
Halwill 1 Newtown 3
Honiton Town -pp- Bow AAC
Thorverton 3 Newton Poppleford 2
University 3 Kentisbeare 2
Uplowman Athletic 3 Woodbury 0
DIVISION 3
Budleigh Salterton 4 Sandford 1
Clyst Valley 1 Priory 4
Countess Wear Dynamoes 3 Pinhoe 3
Ottery St Mary 1 Otterton 2
Royal Oak 2 Crediton United 2
Tedburn St Mary 3 University 4
Tipton St John 4 Lympstone 1
DIVISION 4
Alphington 4 Teignmouth 0
Beer Albion 0 St Martins 1
Newton St Cyres 5 Feniton 1
Starcross Generals 4 North Tawton 6
University 8 Winkleigh 0
Whipton & Pinhoe 12 Sampford Pev 1
DIVISION 5
Awliscombe United 1 Hemyock 4
Black Swan Town 10 Dunkeswell Rov 0
Elmore 1 Lyme Regis 0
Millwey Rise 5 Halwill 2
Offwell Rangers 0 Central 7
Westexe Park 6 Ilminster Town 2
DIVISION 6
Bampton 3 Cheriton Fitzpaine 2
Cranbrook 7 Seaton Town 2
Queens Head 4 Exmouth Spartans 1
Upottery 5 Silverton 3 (aban 76 mins)
Wellington Town 0 Sidmouth Town 7
DIVISION 7
Bradninch Town 2 Lapford 0
Chagford 6 Witheridge 2
Exeter United 0 Spreyton 3
Kentisbeare 12 Kenn Valley United 1
Newton Poppleford 6 Colyton 2
Willand XI 4 Amory Green Rovers 1
DIVISION 8
Amory Green Rovers 0 Otterton 3
Central 1 Sandford 1
Cheriton Fitzpaine -pp- Millwey Rise
Honiton Town 3 Okehampton Argyle 9
Pinhoe 3 East Budleigh 3
Sidmouth Town 1 Tedburn St Mary 3
BILL SLEE CUP
Axmouth United 2 Winchester 5

**FIXTURES**
**Saturday, December 2nd**
PREMIER
Beer Albion v Newtown
Cronies v Okshampton Argyle
Hatherleigh Town v Witheridge
Heavitree United v Topsham Town
Newton St Cyres v Exmouth Town
Upottery v Clyst Valley
DIVISION 1
Alphington v Lapford
Bickleigh v Chard Town
Cullompton Rangers v Perry Street
University v Wellington Town
DIVISION 2
Bampton v Axminster Town
Bow AAC v East Budleigh
Halwill v Honiton Town
Kentisbeare v Newtown
Newton Poppleford v Woodbury
University v Axmouth United
DIVISION 3
Clyst Valley v Countess Wear Dynamoes
Lympstone v Priory
Sandford v Crediton United
Tedburn St Mary v Budleigh Salterton
Tipton St John v Ottery St Mary
University v Pinhoe
DIVISION 4
Feniton v Winchester
Newton St Cyres v Winkleigh
North Tawton v Whipton & Pinhoe
Sampford Perevell v Alphington
St Martins v University
Teignmouth v Beer Albion
DIVISION 5
Dunkeswell Rovers v Halwill
Exwick Village v Offwell Rangers
Ilminster Town v Central
Lyme Regis v Culm United
Westexe Park v Awliscombe United
DIVISION 6
Bravehearts v Seaton Town
Cheriton Fitzpaine v Bampton
Exmouth Spartans v Upottery
Queens Head v Cranbrook
Sidmouth Town v Wellington Town
DIVISION 7
Bradninch v Newton Poppleford
HT Dons v Amory Green Rovers
Lapford v Colyton
Willand XI v Kentisbeare
Witheridge v Chagford
DIVISION 8
Amory Green Rovers v Sidmouth Town
Central v Thorverton
Culm United v Sandford
East Budleigh v Tedburn St Mary
Okehampton Arg v Cheriton Fitzpaine
Pinhoe v Bradninch Villa
DEVON PREMIER CUP - R4
Brixham v Ilfracombe Town
Elmore v Teignmouth
Honiton Town v Plymstock
Newton Abbot Spurs v Exwick Villa
North Molton SC v Bovey Tracey
Shamwickshire Rov v University Exeter
Torridgeside v St Martins
Watcombe v Budleigh Salterton
FIREWATCH DEVON SENIOR CUP - R4
Chagford v Buckland Athletic
Colyton v Dawlish
Thorverton v Sidmouth Town
DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP - R4
Exeter United v Newton Abbot 66
Millwey Rise v Elmore
The Windmill v Hemyock
Torrington v Black Swan Town

**PERRY STREET LEAGUE**

AN 89th minute goal from Ollie Reed was enough to book Farway Utd a place in the Division One cup final after a hard fought 1-0 win over Forton Rangers in heavy conditions at Eastlee Park.

Back in the league and HAWKCHURCH UNITED moved up into the top four in Division One with goals from Josh Short (2), Gavin Herrod (2), Jack Larcombe and Mark Warren in a 6-0 hammering of lowly Chard Rangers.

Down in Division Three FARWAY RES won 5-3 at Chard Rangers Res with goals from Ben Harris, Jacob Murphy, Dan Williams, Jacob Ambrose and an OG.

**Fixtures**: D1: Hawkchurch Utd v Uplyme. D3: Lyme Regis Rovers v Farway Utd Res.

## current tables

| D&E Div 6 (20) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sidmouth 3rds | 7 | 26 | 21 |
| Queens Head | 8 | 16 | 19 |
| Bravehearts | 8 | 12 | 13 |
| Upottery Res | 8 | 4 | 13 |
| Wellington A | 9 | 6 | 12 |
| Exmouth Spart | 8 | 2 | 12 |
| Cranbrook | 6 | 5 | 10 |
| Cheriton Fitzp | 7 | -2 | 9 |
| Silverton | 11 | -21 | 9 |
| Bampton Res | 7 | -16 | 7 |
| Seaton Town Res | 11 | -32 | 2* |

| D&E Div 7 (24) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spreyton | 11 | 26 | 25 |
| Amory Green | 11 | 24 | 22 |
| Witheridge 3rds | 10 | 10 | 21 |
| Bradninch Town | 12 | 5 | 21 |
| Exeter Utd A | 8 | 11 | 16 |
| Lapford Res | 10 | 2 | 16 |
| Willand XI | 11 | -2 | 15 |
| Chagford Res | 8 | 2 | 13 |
| Colyton Res | 11 | -51 | 11 |
| Kentisbeare Res | 9 | 11 | 10 |
| HT Dons | 10 | -23 | 7 |
| Kenn Valley Utd | 12 | -33 | 7 |
| Newton Popp Res | 9 | -18 | 5 |

| D&E Div 8 (28) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sidmouth 4ths | 10 | 9 | 22 |
| Okehampton Res | 9 | 24 | 19 |
| Thorverton Res | 8 | 22 | 19 |
| Tedburn Res | 9 | 16 | 19 |
| Ch. Fitz Res | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Culm Utd Res | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Otterton Res | 9 | 13 | 17 |
| E.Budleigh Res | 12 | 10 | 17 |
| Central Res | 13 | -9 | 17 |
| Honiton 3rds | 8 | 12 | 16 |
| Pinhoe Res | 11 | -3 | 11 |
| Millwey Rise Res | 9 | -4 | 6* |
| Sandford Res | 8 | -22 | 4 |
| Amory Green | 12 | -38 | 4 |
| Bradninch Villa | 10 | -47 | 4 |

| P Str Prem (20) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| South Petherton | 7 | 13 | 18 |
| Barrington | 6 | 20 | 16 |
| Merriott Rovers | 5 | 14 | 15 |
| W & M Chinnock | 7 | 9 | 13 |
| Chard Utd | 8 | 9 | 13 |
| Shepton Beau | 9 | 10 | 12 |
| Winsham Utd | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Misterton | 6 | -1 | 9 |
| Netherbury | 7 | -16 | 6 |
| Pymore | 5 | -21 | 0 |
| Combe Res | 8 | -39 | 0 |

| P Street D1 (18) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Halstock | 7 | 35 | 19 |
| Ilminster Colts | 8 | 5 | 16 |
| Farway Utd | 6 | 7 | 11 |
| Hawkchurch Utd | 6 | 7 | 10 |
| Waytown Hounds | 6 | 2 | 10 |
| Forton Rangers | 4 | -2 | 9 |
| Uplyme | 4 | -2 | 7 |
| Shepton Beau Res | 7 | -13 | 4 |
| Perry Street Res | 7 | -19 | 1 |
| Chard Rangers | 7 | -20 | 1 |

| Perry St D2 (20) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thorncombe | 9 | 22 | 23 |
| Forton Res | 9 | 15 | 19 |
| Charmouth | 7 | 9 | 16 |
| Misterton Res | 6 | 10 | 13 |
| Dowlish & Don | 8 | 2 | 13 |
| Crewkerne Rang | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| Kingsbury | 8 | -1 | 7 |
| Chard Utd Res | 7 | -8 | 5 |
| Combe A | 7 | -24 | 4 |
| S.Petherton Res | 7 | -4 | 3 |
| Winsham Utd Res | 8 | -24 | 3 |

| Perry St D3 (18) | Pld | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Donyatt Utd | 10 | 23 | 25 |
| Ilminster Town A | 9 | 24 | 24 |
| Merriott Dynamos | 6 | 7 | 15 |
| Farway Utd Res | 8 | 1 | 13 |
| Crew Rang Res | 8 | -2 | 12 |
| Thorncombe Res | 9 | -14 | 10 |
| Netherbury Res | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Lyme Rovers | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Chard Rangers Res | 9 | -26 | 6 |
| Chard Utd AS | 9 | -28 | 0 |

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# Captain's youngsters too hot for old boys!

**AXE CLIFF** *with Peter Motson*
SENIORS' Captain Dave Bruce pitted a young and inexperienced team of eight up against a wily and talented team of mainly past captains in this annual match.

To help the old boys the match was reduced to 15 holes leaving out the long par fives and difficult 18th.

Once the young Captains team overcame it's nerves it gradually wore down the opposition to win 5½-2½. The winners for the Captains Team were: Dave Bruce beat Geoff Hughes;

Mike Jamieson bt Ron Bragg, David Evans bt Gilbert Cox by one-hole, Bill Polley beat

John Ashbolt but Pete Motson beat Nigel Tarr by two holes. Gerry Turner managed a creditworthy half with Rob Grove. The winners for the Past Captains were: Malcolm Glass beat Dave Sammons 1 up, and Bob Graham bt Ian Crawford 2&1. Nearest the pin was won by Ian Crawford (Capt's team) and Rob Grove (Past Capt's team).

The Seniors played their November Stableford Competition on Friday, results: Robbie Robinson (HC 19) 1st on countback with 37pts from Alan Morgan (HC 14). Brian Thompson (HC 12) was third with 36. Ron Bragg was the only player to score a two.

Last week was the first of the Ladies Winter league, 18-hole Stableford format when first place went to Stella Thompson with 32pts on countback from Anne Jarvis. Jill Wellington was third also with 32.

Last Wednesday six ladies ventured out to battle the fierce winds but only managed nine holes. All awarded a small gift from Lady captain Jo Donmall.

**CRICKET ST THOMAS**
*with Bert Robinson*
FORTY eight seniors took part in a Bowmaker discard competition last Monday.

The golfers took advantage of the benign conditions and registered some good scores with

the new Vice Captain, Peter Spencer-Farr making his mark by leading his team to victory.

Result; 1st Peter Spencer-Farr; Rod Stevens & Terry Hackling 78 points, 2nd Martin Leigh; Mick Aldridge & Mark Everett 77, 3rd Bob White; R. Miller & Ian Housham 75.

The Bowmaker competition last Wednesday was attended by 24 seniors members who battled intermittent rain and swirling winds.

Result; 1st Bob Barrow; John Wandless & Iain Rowlands 75 points, 2nd Richard Hall; Terry Hackling & Ian Housham 72, 3rd Martin Leigh; Barrie Heath & Alan Davis 71.

Finally, 39 members took part in a three-man Texas scramble on Friday when a record score of 53.7 (gross score of 10 under par). Result: 1st Keith Branchflower; Danny Dowell & Frank Martin 53.7, 2nd James Hewitt; Nick Gabb & Dave Taylor 58.3, 3rd Roger Davis; Clive Fisk & Dave Taylor 60.0.

**HONITON** *with Ann Desmoulins*
THE Tuesday Mixed last week saw the return of a Rye Foursomes format where it is decided in advance whether the lady or the gent takes the second shot on the odd or even holes.

◆ **GOOD BATTLE:** Dave Bruce accepts the coveted Captains trophy from the oldest Past Captain Geoff Hughes.

After both players have teed off, either ball can be selected and the second shot is taken by the designated player before continuing with alternate shots with the one ball.

In first place were Sue Ritchie & Ron Graham with 37 points. Danusia White & Bob Barnes came second (35) and Cathy Uttley & Mike Delaney took third (31).

A dozen ladies' pairs braved the wind (a three-club, one on some holes) to play in a 14-hole Greensomes Stableford. Although the course was very wet in parts, some good scores were posted.

The winners were Cathy Pawley & Heather Clarke with 25 points, 2nd Vera Richardson & Stephani Barnes (23), 3rd Brenda Hyde & Chris Pearce (22), 4th Carole Booth & Chris Major.

There were no entries for the nine-hole competition.

Meanwhile, 65 seniors turned out on Friday for a Texas Scramble.

The resultant scoring was unusually good. Leading the pack were Mike Ward, Phil Wall & David Lee with a net 60.9. Close behind on 61.9 were Duncan Hepburn, Mike Delaney & Kit Barker followed by Barry Rogers, Brian Bird & Pete Morgan (62.7). Nigel Broadbent, David Anderson & Chris Street were fourth (64.3). Larry Goodliffe had the only two and won 42 balls.

scrum down rugby

# Honours even

**Crediton Ladies 5**
**Chard 5**

CHARD Ladies travelled to Crediton full of confidence after last week's victory over Swanage & Wareham for a match against a development team that was expected to be an ideal follow up fixture.

Chard began strongly with lots of possession, leading to a build-up of pressure on the Crediton line but the hosts tackling and defence was very strong.

After repeated charges by Elaine Stainier, Sasha White and scrum half Jade Watts, the Crediton line was finally breached from short range by Jo Truscott.

Chard continued to dominate in the scrum, however Crediton won the battle in the lineout to give parity from the set pieces.

The hosts gained more possession as the half wore on, winning many of the breakdowns, allowing the backs to run at the Chard defence and only try saving tackles by Kerry Harris and Georgia Adams kept the away line intact. Finally, with the last move of the half, an overlap ended with Ellen Pierce going over to level the scores.

Chard's dominance of the scrum was restricted in the second half with the implementation of under 19 rules to ensure safety, which resulted in the home side winning their own ball in both set pieces.

The forwards continued to drive and a rearranged back line made inroads but were not able to take advantage. Sarah Kneeshaw, Sasha White and Mel Banfield once again were the main threats, but in the last quarter the Crediton backs began to dominate.

For most of the last 10 minutes, the home side threw waves of attacks at the Chard defence but were met by wholehearted tackling by Liz George, Adams and Harris.

At the final whistle, a draw was the fair result.

Forward of the match Chelsea Bale, Back Liz George, Player Sarah Kneeshaw.

Next match at home to WINSCOMBE on December 17th.

on the fronter skittles round-up

## COLYTON

**Div 1**: Axminster Con A 313 (E Wraxhall, S Moore 58) Cloakham A 305 (C Miller 61); Tuckers Arms B 309 (D Coombes, D Gould, K Tratt 57) New Inn A 342 (N Jones 62); Red Lion Cavaliers 360 (M Summers 69) Colyton Club A 365 (G Foxwell 68); Seaton FC A 361 (N Lawrence 67) Vine B 355 (K Gush 63); Volunteer A 306 (S Charlton 57) Gerrard A 316 (T Welsh 58); Honiton Con D 408 (M Wakley 85) Lamb B 340 (D Lucas 63).

**Div 2**: Cloakham B 397 (M Enticott 72) Dolphin Vikings 351 (K Aris 70); Lamb A 287 (S Elsworth 56) Eagle Tavern 303 (C Hutchings 63); Vine A 315 (C Maher 57) Sidbury Lions 318 (P Launders, J Smith 56); Colcombe A 401 (G Parsons 77) Wheelwright A 401 (K Morley 89); Honiton WMC A 327 (S Pye 62) Honiton Converts 323 (S Lapping 66); Gerrard B 343 (J Richards 64) Vine Nomads 333 (P Norman 61).

**Div 3**: Tuckers A 369 (D Dower 72) White Hart B 338 (N Pritchard 66); Rising Sun A 355 (B Venn 7) Mountbatten Whites 339 (P Bonetta 63); Kingfisher A 294 (M Griffiths 52) Heathfield A 269 (D Pearse 53); Red Lion Sidbury 352 (N Barrett 73) Volunteer B 335 (D Gigg 62); Wilmington Harts 381 (J Woollacott 81) Kings Arms Beers 378 (M Archibold, S Somers 68); Three Tuns BTP 310 (A Deen 58) Colcombe Beerboys 326 (P White 62).

**Div 4**: New Inn B 311 (N Cook 57) Colcombe B 337 (T Yate 66); Honiton Con A 337 (T Bennett 65) Axminster Inn A 329 (R Payne 59); Kings Arms A 337 (R Allen 69) Seaton FC B 337 (Jackie Jones, J Furber 60); Colyton Club B 374 (G Richards 75) Rising Sun B 312 (N Curton 60); Ship A 387 (V Trivett 77) Honiton WMC B 337 (G Hart 63); Colcombe Nomads 356 (P Easter 64) Tuckers Arms C 363 (T Patch 67).

**Div 5**: Dolphin Dolls 343 Millwey Misfits 369 (W Jenkins 73); Offwell B 392 (R Hembrow 83) Wilmington Spares 325 (D Joslin 60); Hook & Parrot Smugglers 301 (P Westlake 54) Tuckers Arms D 270 (Annie Bennett 52); White Hart A 332 (B Parr 61) Rousdon Club 280 (D Purrington 52); Heathfield B 369 (Marion Fletcher 72) Hook & Parrot,Parrots 353 (P Thompson 67).

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Axe Con A | 8 | 14 |
| Cloakham A | 9 | 12 |
| Colyton Club A | 9 | 11 |
| New Inn A | 8 | 10 |
| Lamb B | 8 | 9 |
| Volunteer A | 8 | 9 |
| Hon Con D | 8 | 8 |
| Gerrard A | 9 | 8 |
| Seaton FC A | 8 | 7 |
| Vine B | 9 | 7 |
| Tuckers Arms B | 8 | 6 |
| Red Lion Cavs | 8 | 4 |
| Offwell A | 8 | 3 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Cloakham B | 8 | 12 |
| Eagle Tavern | 9 | 12 |
| Hon Converts | 8 | 10 |
| Gerrard B | 9 | 10 |
| Hon WMC A | 9 | 10 |
| Lamb A | 9 | 10 |
| Sidmouth FC | 8 | 8 |
| Vine A | 8 | 8 |
| Sidbury Red Lions | 7 | 6 |
| Dolphin Vikings | 8 | 6 |
| Vine Nomads | 8 | 6 |
| Wheelwright A | 7 | 5 |
| Colcombe A | 8 | 3 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Kingfisher A | 8 | 14 |
| Colcombe Beerboys | 8 | 12 |
| Mountbatt' Whites | 8 | 10 |
| Rising Sun A | 9 | 10 |
| Tuckers Arms A | 9 | 10 |
| Wilm Harts | 9 | 10 |
| Heathfield A | 8 | 9 |
| Red Lion Sidbury | 8 | 8 |
| White Hart B | 8 | 7 |
| Volunteer B | 8 | 6 |
| Three Tuns BTP | 9 | 6 |
| Cloakham Wand | 8 | 3 |
| Kings Arms Beers | 8 | 2 |

| Division Four | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Colyton Club B | 8 | 14 |
| Tuckers Arms C | 8 | 12 |
| Axe Inn A | 9 | 12 |
| Rising Sun B | 9 | 10 |
| Seaton AFC B | 9 | 9 |
| Colcombe B | 8 | 8 |
| Colcombe Nomads | 8 | 8 |
| Hon Con A | 8 | 8 |
| New Inn B | 8 | 8 |
| Ship A | 8 | 6 |
| Kings Arms A | 8 | 5 |
| Hon Con Artists | 8 | 4 |
| Hon WMC B | 9 | 4 |

| Division Five | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Offwell B Rejects | 8 | 12 |
| Hook Parrotts | 9 | 12 |
| Millwey Misfits | 7 | 10 |
| Dolphin Dolls | 7 | 8 |
| White Hart A | 7 | 8 |
| Kingfisher B | 8 | 8 |
| Wilmington Spares | 8 | 8 |
| Rousdon Club | 7 | 6 |
| Sidmth Arms Kings | 7 | 6 |
| Heathfield B | 9 | 6 |
| Hook Smugglers | 7 | 4 |
| Tuckers Arms D | 8 | 4 |

## AXMINSTER

**Men's Div 1**: Red Devils 404 (G Fisher 76) v Ax Con Rebels 392 (W Phillips 73) Green Army 374 (R Chapple 70) v Thorncombe B 337 (A Farley 69) Lamb Spartans 320 (M Donnan 59) v Sidmouth Arms 341 (P Drew 65) Tuckers C 365 (S Hembrow 72) v Red Lion D 377 (D Herbert 68) Thorncombe Drifters 353 (P Waller 63) v B&Gs 378 (D Board 72) Wootton Sherberts 354 (J Chapman 69) v Kingfisher Feds 321 (J Chaplyn 61) Thorncombe A 382 (C Harding, N Hawker 72) v Wootton Cowboys 346 (P Studley 67).

**Div 2**: Old Inn Kilm A 370 (N Cornelius 72) v Thorncombe C 352 (G Maber 65) Colcombe A 417 (F Batten 79) v Ax Inn Jokers 411 (D Churchill 75) New Inn A 335 (T Cook 66) v Tuckers Maggots 362 (C Schultze 71) W H Wilm A 395 (B Plastow 72) v New Inn C 400 (K Smith R Webb 76) Ax Con Club A 294 (P Banner 57) v Ax Inn B 310 (J Bailey 60) Useless Tuckers 342 (All Team 57) v W H Warriors 335 (D Gammon 62) Gerrard A 359 (R Smith 67) v Gerrard D 375 (W Mudd 68).

**Div 3**: Kings Arms Seaton 356 (K Merritt 62) v Lamb Shanks 328 (P Herrod 72) King Wingers 282 (P Brooker 55) v W H Wilm B 290 (T Hoad Jnr 58) (J Aldred 54) Ax FC A 245 (A Brown 47) v Old Inn Kilm B 261 (J Smart 51) Ax Inn A 319 (S Fifer 58) v Ax FC Halfcuts 341 (R Strawbridge 68).

**Div 4**: D Woolland 66) v Ax FC B 349 (A Elmes 67) Seaton BC 288 (P Grigg 54) v Kingfisher A 307 (G Bean 59) New Inn Hawks 318 (D Lucas 60) v Colcombe B 323 (P Short 60) Tuckers Y 331 (R Burrough 69) v Tuckers Old Boys 289 (R Bradley 57).

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Ax Con Club Rebels | 10 | 16 |
| B&Gs | 10 | 14 |
| Red Lion RD | 10 | 14 |
| Sidmouth Arms | 10 | 14 |
| Thorncombe A | 10 | 12 |
| Lamb Spartans | 10 | 10 |
| Green Army | 10 | 10 |
| Wooton Cowboys | 10 | 10 |
| The Feds | 10 | 8 |
| Wooton Sherberts | 10 | 8 |
| Red Lion D | 10 | 8 |
| Tuckers C | 10 | 6 |
| Thorncombe B | 10 | 6 |
| Thorn Drifters | 10 | 4 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| New Inn Kilm C | 10 | 16 |
| Old Inn Kilm A | 10 | 14 |
| Gerrard D | 10 | 14 |
| Axe Inn Jokers | 10 | 12 |
| Tuckers Maggots | 10 | 12 |
| Thorncombe C | 10 | 12 |
| Axminster Inn B | 10 | 11 |
| Ax Con Club A | 10 | 10 |
| White Hart Wilm | 10 | 8 |
| New Inn Kilm A | 10 | 8 |
| Colcombe A | 10 | 7 |
| Useless Tuckers | 10 | 7 |
| Gerrard A | 10 | 6 |
| W Hart Warriors | 10 | 3 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Gerrard B | 9 | 16 |
| Lamb A | 9 | 12 |
| Kings Arms Seaton | 9 | 12 |
| Old Inn Kilm B | 9 | 10 |
| Lamb Shanks | 9 | 10 |
| Axminster FC IV | 7 | 8 |
| King Wingers | 9 | 8 |
| Lamb 49s | 7 | 8 |
| Ax Fc Halfcuts | 9 | 8 |
| White Hart Wilm B | 10 | 8 |
| Axminster Inn A | 9 | 6 |
| Axminster FC A | 9 | 4 |
| Cloakham Stars | 9 | 4 |

| Division Four | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Colcombe B | 8 | 12 |
| Ship Rotary | 8 | 12 |
| Kingfisher A | 9 | 10 |
| Axminster FC B | 8 | 8 |
| Tuckers Y | 8 | 8 |
| New Inn Hawks | 7 | 8 |
| New Inn B | 8 | 8 |
| Seaton BC | 7 | 6 |
| Gerrard C | 6 | 6 |
| Colcombe Nomads | 8 | 6 |
| Bev's Boys | 6 | 6 |
| Tuckers OB | 7 | 0 |

### Ladies League

**Div 1**: Red Lion A 309 (J Flint 60) v WotNots 323 (A Williams 59) Ax Inn A 324 (S Gage 59) v Colcombe Girls 280 (M Wills 56) Colcombe A 419 (S Foxwell 81) v BeesKnees 391 (S Russell 75) Hook n Parrot 284 (M Jenner 55) v Rousdon Ladies 293 (S Millman 57) New Inn A 281 (G Collier 54) v Gerrard A 307 (W Bromwich, L Smith, S Gardner, C Thurston 52) Tuckers B 326 (D Jowett 62) New Inn B 307 (W Mitcham 59).

**Div 2**: B&Js Cloakham 329 (J White 68) v Tuckers A 318 (L Gould 65) WH Wilm A 339 (J Bishop 74) v Thorncombe A 301 (Kim Gaylard 63) Thorncombe Newtops 337 (M Fursman 68) v Colcombe B 331 (J Real 67) Ax FC Battleaxes 221 (S Bennett 45) v Ax Inn Allsorts 252 (P Kowal 50) Colcombe Angels 341 (A Bennett 70) v Seaton FC 315 (L Smitham 65).

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Wotnots | 9 | 13 |
| Cloakham A | 9 | 12 |
| Tuckers Arms B | 9 | 12 |
| Rousdon Ladies | 8 | 10 |
| Red Lion A | 8 | 10 |
| Colcombe A | 9 | 10 |
| Bees Knees | 9 | 10 |
| Axe Inn A | 7 | 8 |
| Colcombe Girls | 9 | 8 |
| Seaton BC | 9 | 7 |
| Gerrard A | 9 | 6 |
| New Inn A | 9 | 4 |
| New Inn B | 8 | 2 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Gerrard Guzzlers | 8 | 16 |
| Red Lion Rabble | 8 | 12 |
| Colcombe B | 8 | 10 |
| Thorncombe A | 8 | 10 |
| White Hart Wilm A | 8 | 8 |
| Seaton FC | 9 | 8 |
| Colcombe Angels | 9 | 8 |
| Thorncombe Newtops | 8 | 6 |
| Tuckers Arms A | 9 | 6 |
| Battle Axes (Ax FC) | 9 | 6 |
| B&Js | 8 | 6 |
| Axe Inn Allsorts | 8 | 4 |

## EAST DEVON HUNT

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Marvels | 9 | 16 |
| Sutton Wanderers | 9 | 16 |
| Stags | 9 | 14 |
| Culm Vale | 10 | 13 |
| Night Owls | 9 | 10 |
| Ur Arrs | 9 | 10 |
| Blacksmiths | 10 | 10 |
| Foxenhole | 9 | 8 |
| Keepers | 9 | 8 |
| Marsh Green | 9 | 8 |
| Talaton | 9 | 7 |
| Honiton Clyst | 9 | 4 |
| Auctioneers | 9 | 2 |
| Latecomers | 9 | 2 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Tuckers Arms | 7 | 12 |
| Sidford | 10 | 12 |
| Breakaways | 8 | 10 |
| Perkins Village | 9 | 10 |
| Awliscombe Shoot | 7 | 8 |
| Zulu Warriors | 7 | 8 |
| Upottery | 7 | 8 |
| Cocks & Hens | 7 | 6 |
| Jack's Lads | 7 | 6 |
| Top Cats | 7 | 6 |
| A Team | 8 | 6 |
| Yetties | 10 | 6 |
| Bashers | 6 | 2 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Alley Cats | 8 | 14 |
| Broadclyst | 7 | 10 |
| Here for the Beer | 7 | 10 |
| Bakers 8 | 7 | 8 |
| Earth Stoppers | 8 | 8 |
| Axe Valley | 6 | 6 |
| Maynards | 6 | 6 |
| Yoyo's | 6 | 6 |
| Guys & Gals | 7 | 6 |
| Goldtops | 8 | 6 |
| Brooksiders | 7 | 2 |
| Cee Dee's | 7 | 2 |

**Top Score**; Mike O'Brian 91.

## CREWKERNE & Dist

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| The Coachmen | 9 | 82 |
| Headhunters | 9 | 80 |
| Super Sexy Six | 9 | 76 |
| Lost Boys | 9 | 74 |
| Stray Cats | 9 | 59 |
| Odd Bobs | 9 | 54 |
| Football Club | 9 | 51 |
| Brewers Bees | 9 | 49 |
| Unpredictables | 9 | 37 |
| Pinbusters | 9 | 30 |
| King Willy Dogs | 9 | 29 |
| Rollers | 9 | 27 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Raptors | 9 | 63 |
| Ugly Ducklings | 8 | 63 |
| Skimmers | 8 | 63 |
| Fudders | 8 | 54 |
| Royal Oak Drimpn | 8 | 52 |
| Sports 92 | 8 | 49 |
| HillBillies | 8 | 49 |
| Royal Chokers | 9 | 47 |
| DBST | 8 | 35* |
| Muppets | 8 | 34 |
| Admiral 6 | 8 | 28 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Sandbaggers | 9 | 70 |
| Willy Low Flyers | 8 | 63 |
| Perrott Monkeys | 8 | 59 |
| Rotary | 8 | 53 |
| Chis Colts | 8 | 50 |
| Fryers | 8 | 48 |
| Football Club 2nds | 8 | 48 |
| Beer Leg Boys | 8 | 41 |
| The Likely Lads | 8 | 40 |
| Concorde | 8 | 39 |
| Muddled Muggles | 8 | 29 |

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**HONITON**

RESULTS (Nov 23rd): Feniton Soc A 4 Blacksmith Arms 4, New Fountain 5 Vine Inn B 3, Six Bells 1 Workingmens B 7, Thirsty Farmer 4 Honiton Conservative Club 4, Vine Inn A 4 Feniton Soc B 4. **Captains Cup**: Audrey Hawkins 1 Dudley Frood 0, Brenda Flood 0 Rita Freemantle 1, Julie Bath 0 Steve Pettitt 1, Lionel Hawkins 0 Hedley Hawkins 1, Mike Dent 0 Julie Davis 1.

**Fixtures** (Nov 30th): Blacksmith Arms v Vine Inn A, Feniton Soc B v New Fountain, Honiton Conservative Club v Workingmens A, Vine Inn B v Six Bells, Workingmens B v Thirsty Farmer.

| League Table | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| New Fountain | 11 | 57 |
| Honiton Con Club | 11 | 49 |
| Feniton Soc A | 11 | 49 |
| Vine Inn A | 11 | 47 |
| Workingmens B | 11 | 47 |
| Blacksmiths Arms | 11 | 41 |
| Feniton Soc B | 11 | 40 |
| Vine Inn B | 11 | 39 |
| Workingmens A | 10 | 38 |
| Thirsty Farmer | 10 | 37 |
| Six Bells | 11 | 36 |

| Captains Cup | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| L.White | 10 | 7 |
| A.Hawkins | 11 | 7 |
| H.Hawkins | 11 | 7 |
| R.Freemantle | 11 | 7 |
| B.Flood | 11 | 5 |
| L.Hawkins | 11 | 5 |
| D.Frood | 11 | 5 |
| S.Pettitt | 11 | 5 |
| J.Davis | 11 | 4 |
| J.Bath | 11 | 4 |
| M.Dent | 11 | 4 |

## Racing at Taunton

*TAUNTON will be hoping for an exciting afternoon of racing action on Thursday for the Totepool Autumn meeting when the first of the races on the card carries a generous £50k in prize money and goes to post at 12.40pm.*

*First up is The Bet toteplacepot AT betfred.com 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle Race over two miles and half a furlong.*

*The Bet toteexacta AT betfred.com Novices' Handicap Hurdle is next to go to post at 1.10pm.*

*The big race attraction on the card follows half an hour later when The Bet totequadpot AT betfred.com Steeple Chase (A Novices Limited Handicap Class 3) with a whopping prize fund of £16,000 goes to post.*

*Next is The Bet totetrifecta AT betfred.com Handicap Hurdle Race over two miles and half a furlong which is due off at 2.10pm.*

*The Bet toteWIN AT betfred.com Handicap Steeple Chase over two miles and about seven furlongs is due to start half an hour later.*

*The final action of the day at 3.10pm is The Collect totepool Winnings AT Betfred Shops Handicap Hurdle Race over two miles three furlongs.*

## starter's orders running news

# Local runners battle gruelling Blister

### HONITON RUNNING CLUB

*with Judy Davey*

BICTON College was the venue for the Bicton Blister and Lite races last Sunday. The BLISTER is a 10-mile multi-terrain race mainly on Woodbury Common.

Jim Cole won the race in the brilliant time of 1 hour and 1 second. First back for HRC was Ben Stone who came 8th in 1:05. Gavin Rice followed coming 80th in 1:19:17 with Steve Davey hot on his heels coming 1 place and 6 seconds later.

Other Honiton results; Steve Selley 87th 1:19:56, Mark Dallyn 89th 1:20:21, Richard Harvey 96th 1:20:43, Judy Davey 126th 1:23:48 winning her age category, Howard Bidmead 137th 1:24:18 2nd in age category, Roger Saunders 146th 1:25:21, Jo Davey 152nd 1:26:11, Jennie Sleeman 239th 1:35:40 2nd in category, Rebecca Stevens 246th 1:36:37, Kathy Layzell 326th 1:45:22, Pip Vanham 376th 1:52:49.

There were 439 finishers.

Also on offer was the BICTON LITE. At 13, Jasmine Stone is too young for the Blister so took on the Lite coming 3rd lady in 36:15 and 12th place overall.

The winner was Ben Sheridan (31:38). There were 140 finishers.

Nina, having been suffering with a virus, took the gamble to run this popular event but crossed the line in 1h 31m 50s 53/336 and 2nd in Category.

Elsewhere, Wayne Loveridge finished 3rd in a field of 439 in the 10-mile BICTON BLISTER recording a time of 1h 03m 26s.

### CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

*with Paul Masters*

NINA Wagstaff represented CRR's at the Avon Valley Runners' WILTSHIRE HALF MARATHON based out of Edington Nr Trowbridge.

### AXE VALLEY RUNNERS

*with Dave Mutter*

IT was a cracking day for a cracking run at the BICTON BLISTER (10 miles) and Bicton Lite (5 miles) with 579 runners completing the mostly off road route.

There was considerable AVR success with the men's team ofDuncan Staddon, Terry Emmett, Matt Hewer & Chris Polley finishing 3rd and the Ladies team of Karen Eyre, Eleanor Wood & Kerry Board 3rd overall and 1st over 40 team.

The Blister was won by Jim Cole (Tavistock Run Project) in 1:00:01,

AVR times: Duncan Staddon 14th, 1:07:30; Terry Emmett 19th, 1:08:30; Matt Hewer 21st, 1:08:48; Chris Polley 75th, 1:18:44; Emma Kiernan (2nd claim) 44th, 1:13:10; Graham Newton 1st M65,79th overall, 1:18:57; Karen Eyre 2nd F45, 83rd, 1:19:36; Eleanor Wood 1st F60, 100th overall, 1:20:52; Jon Day 101st, 1:21:08; Simon Davey 119th, 1:23:16; Steve Hawes 159th, 1:26:56; Kerry Board 164th, 1:27:27; Richard Jackson 175th, 1:29:14; Richard Hale 3rd V65, 193rd, 1:30:22; Roger Bramley 207th, 1:31:39; Caroline French 229th, 1:34:30; Chris Hill 259th, 1:37:33; Yvette Hill 306th, 1:43:07; Sandra Mortimer 351st, 1:47:40; Dave Mutter 372nd, 1:51:51; Gill Day 409th, 2:03:06; Diane Newton 411th, 2:03:28 (a new PB by 5½ minutes) and Esme Markham 422nd, 2:06:06.

AVR's posted excellent times in the BLISTER LITE: Tom Perry 8th, 34:44; Amy Catley 27th, 44:09; Hannah Williams 34th, 46:18; Elaine Houriham 55th, 50:05; Helen Holmes 56th, 50:05; Kirsty Farrington 71st, 52:48; Janet Woodward 106th, 57:07; Vicky Austin 116th, 59:03; Emma Grigg 117th, 59:04; Aileen Heal 135th, 1:03:25; Caroline Barrett 136th, 1:03:59; Denise Burges 137th, 1:07:57 and Sam Summers 138th, 1:14:51.

Elsewhere, Sue Hayes ran the ST NEOTS HALF MARATHON and was very pleased to finish in 1.37.34.

## jack high bowls news

# Ilminster in last 16 in National Trophy

**HONITON** *with Julie Grant*

TO win by 18 shots away at TORQUAY UNITED was a real achievement Rosemary Hirons, Yvonne Williams, Joan Heard & Yvonne Rayner who ran out 25-7 winners in their Foxlands game and with another rink winning at home by five for an 86-86 draw and five points for each club.

Unfortunately, the two ladies teams were not successful in the national Over 60s Mason competition losing 38-35 to ISCA and 39-28 to NORTH DEVON.

Meanwhile, a mixed friendly team went down 58-45 at Madeira.

Fortunes were better at home as Honiton had two good wins, 85-50 against the outdoor bowlers from CHARDSTOCK (top rink Joyce Granger, Norman Baxter, Garry Osborne & Carol Armitage 35-11) and 50-21 against BUDLEIGH, Honiton (best rink; Lyndsey Howell, Bob Mackintosh, Steve Howell & Ted Cox).

**ILMINSTER** *with Des Maull*

ILMINSTER defeated VICTORIA (Street) 87-56 on Sunday in the Egham Trophy a four-rink mixed knockout competition winning on all rinks. Details: Home, Sam Wall, Sue Spurway, Levi Hembrow & Ian Lightfoot 23-17; Alison Atyeo, Debbie Hawker, Pete Mattravers & Will Anderson 21-14; Away, Angie Thompson, Sue Donovan, Steve Turner & Rob Paxton 16-10; Sarah Lightfoot, Heather Grinter, Alan Holt & Matt Hamilton 27-15. Ilminster will now play Clarrie Dunbar in December.

In the Somerset & Devon Mixed League Ilminster lost 58-21 against TAUNTON. Details: Steve Peasland, Debbie Hawker, Dave Pugh & Eric Keitch 13-25; Brian Welch, Norma Pugh, Rod Parkin & June Checketts 8-33.

In the Mason Trophy Ilminster Ladies lost on both rinks against TAUNTON DEANE. Details: Home, Heather Sims, Anthea Hall, Betty Marner & Heather Grinter 16-14; Away, Val Dargue, Sue Donavon, Norma Pugh & Monica Woodland 9-24.

## angling ilminster

# Top bag for Baz

WITH the river low and clear it was a struggle for most as 11 Ilminster AA members fished round four of the IBC Winter League on the Isle on Sunday.

Baz Morgan (Somerset Angling) made the most of fancied peg 120 with 7lb 10oz of dace and chublets, Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) took second with two chub and some quality roach for 5lb 12oz from peg 124a at Isle Brewers, and Stuart Aplin (Ilminster) was third with a lovely chub of 4lb 4oz from peg 110 at Redbridge.

After four matches Graham Field still leads the league with three points followed by John Dursley (6) and Jake Woodard and Adie Bishop (both 7).

Sections: A – Jake Woodard (Ilminster) 1lb 7oz, B – John Dursley (Enterprise Angling) 4lb 1oz.

The next match is the Christmas Fayre on Sunday (venue to be confirmed), the draw will be at Ilminster Bowling Club between 8.30 and 9am with breakfast at 8am.

■ Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club recently held their presentation lunch at Hornsbury Mill. The trophies, sponsored by Ward & Sibley of Yeovil, were presented by the 2017 Somerset Bowls Association Men's President Ken Leamon.

## ladies football

# Tigers ladies one year old

AXMINSTER Town FC Ladies celebrated the first anniversary of their reformation with a specially made Tiger cake following Sunday's 3-0 league home defeat against Budleigh Salterton.

Team manager Martin Keightley said: "I'm so proud of the ladies.

"We now have 23 players on the books with 18 regularly attending training and games.

"We knew the season would be tough, but we're not bottom and we improve in every game.

"We're looking forward to a second half of the season when we hope all our hard work will continue to pay off."

## darts

**COLYTON**

RESULTS (1001/Pairs first): **Week 9**: Golden B Hind 3(4) Vault A 2(2); Barrel O' Beer 1(1) Halesy's Bar A 4(5); New Inn 1(3) Golden Hind A 4(3); Vault B 5(2) Kingfisher A 0(4); Kings Arms v Vaultures and Halesy's Bar B v Halesy's Bar Motley Crew both postponed.

**Highest Finish**: 100 Carey Chant (New Inn).

| 1001 Pairs | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Halesy's Bar A | 8 | 30 |
| Vault B | 8 | 29 |
| Golden Hind A | 9 | 24 |
| Kings Arms | 8 | 23 |
| Kingfisher B | 8 | 22 |
| Halesy's Bar B | 7 | 22 |
| Vaultures | 7 | 21 |
| Kingfisher A | 9 | 21 |
| Barrel O' Beer | 8 | 20 |
| Halesy's Crew | 7 | 19 |
| New Inn | 8 | 11 |
| Golden Hind B | 9 | 10 |
| Vault A | 8 | 8 |

| Singles | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Halesy's Bar A | 8 | 35 |
| Vault B | 8 | 34 |
| Kingfisher A | 9 | 31 |
| Halesy's Crew | 7 | 28 |
| Golden Hind A | 9 | 27 |
| Kingfisher B | 8 | 25 |
| Vaultures | 7 | 25 |
| Halesy's Bar B | 7 | 24 |
| Kings Arms | 8 | 23 |
| Barrel O'Beer | 8 | 19 |
| Golden Hind B | 9 | 19 |
| New Inn | 8 | 14 |
| Vault A | 8 | 8 |

**AXMINSTER**

| Team | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| The Swamp | 5 | 9 |
| Vault A | 5 | 8 |
| Con Club | 5 | 8 |
| Thorncombe Club | 4 | 3 |
| Red Bulls | 1 | 2 |
| Lamb Shanks | 3 | 2 |
| Axminster Inn | 3 | 1 |
| Castle Inn | 5 | 1 |
| Red Necks | 3 | 0 |

| Singles | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| The Swamp | 5 | 19 |
| Thorncombe Club | 4 | 11 |
| Con Club | 5 | 11 |
| Vault A | 5 | 9 |
| Lamb Shanks | 3 | 5 |
| Castle Inn | 5 | 5 |
| Axminster Inn | 3 | 3 |
| Red Necks | 3 | 3 |
| Red Bulls | 1 | 2 |

**Missing cards**: Lamb Shanks v Red Bulls (Oct 17th), Red Bulls v Red Necks (Nov 7th), Thorncombe v Axe Inn (Nov 7th) and Red Necks v Lamb Shanks (Nov 14th).

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■ **KEEPER'S:** Millwey Rise keeper Jack Bennett punches clear, with help from Keith Forsey in Saturday's 5-2 win over Halwill Reserves at Cloakham Lawns, *see report inside*. ***Photo by DICK STURCH***

## Colyton FC

■ **THE TANNERS:** Colyton FC who appear well-set to mount a challenge for promotion from the Macron Devon & Exeter League Division One this season. Line-up, standing from left; Matt Hancock, George Richards, Callum Somers, Paul Millman, Ashley Driver, Nathan Maddocks, Michael Challis, Richard Challis (Joint Player-Manager). Front Alex Wheatley (Joint Player-Manager, Jake Richards, Will Richards, Sam Riley, Matthew Berry, Michael Cullum. ***Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

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